

Beverley Minster Fasti



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Obiit v[er]o die m[en]sis Apr[il]is A[nn]o d[omi]ni m[ille] CCC[XXX] lxxviii.

This volume contains a collection of biographical notes on the provosts, prebendaries, officers and vicars in the Church of Beverley prior to the Dissolution. To a greater degree than perhaps any other comparable institution, the late medieval collegiate church at Beverley preserved within its constitution clear traces of its Anglo-Saxon origin. In his introduction the editor discusses the continuity of the Beverley tradition, and the subsequent developments which tended to obscure it. He also explores the nature of the clerical and other offices in the Minster and their various sources of income, notably the lucrative corn render known as 'thraves', payable throughout the East Riding.

The biographical notices provide information on individual careers. Details are given of preferment at Beverley, employment and family connections and other preferments and dignities. Sources include early Beverley charters, the Registers of the Archbishops of York, the Beverley Chapter Act Book and Provost's Book, records of the churches of York, Ripon and Southwell, Registers of the Archdeacons of Richmond, the *Taxatio Nicholai* (1291), the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* and *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*.

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Entrance to the Chapter House, Beverley Minster.
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Abbreviations

adm.	admitted	est.	estate
apptd	appointed	ER	East Riding
arbp	archbishop	exch.	exchange
archd.	archdeacon	f.	folio
BA	Bachelor of Arts	instd	instituted
BCL	Bachelor of Civil Law	kt	knight
BCnL	Bachelor of Canon Law	LCL	Licentiate in Civil Law
BD	Bachelor of Divinity	LCnL	Licentiate in Canon Law
BM	Bachelor of Medicine	LLB	Bachelor of Laws
BTh	Bachelor of Theology	LLD	Doctor of Laws
bp	bishop	LTh	Licentiate in Theology
c.	canon	MA	Master of Arts
ch.	church	mag.	magister
clk	clerk	p.	prebend, prebendary
co.	county	r.	rector
coll.	collated, collation, college	rat.	ratified
cons.	consecrated, consecration	reg.	register
d.	died	res.	resigned, resignation
DCL	Doctor of Civil Law	STD	Doctor of Sacred Theology
DCnL	Doctor of Canon Law	Sch.	Scholar
DM	Doctor of Medicine	SchCL	Scholar in Civil Law
DTh	Doctor of Theology	SchTh	Scholar in Theology
depr.	deprived	v.	vicar
dio.	diocese	vac.	vacated, vacant

Abbreviations of sources

BCA	<i>Memorials of Beverley Minster: The Chapter Act Book of the Collegiate Church of St John of Beverley, AD1286–1347</i> , ed. A.F. Leach (SS, 98, 108; 1898, 1902), 2 vols.
BL	British Library
CCR	<i>Calendar of the Close Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office</i> , 62 vols. (London, 1892–1963)
CChancery Warrants	<i>Calendar of Chancery Warrants preserved in the Public Record Office, AD 1244–1326</i> (London, 1927)
C of Fine Rolls	<i>Calendar of the Fine Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office</i> , 22 vols. (London, 1911–63)
CPL	<i>Calendar of Entries in the Papal Registers relating to Great</i>

- Britain and Ireland. Papal Letters* (Public Record Office), 15 vols. (London, 1893–1978)
- CPR *Calendar of the Patent Rolls preserved in the Public Record Office*, 73 vols. (London, 1891–1982)
- C Pap.Pet. *Calendar of Entries in the Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland. Petitions to the Pope* (Public Record Office), (London, 1896)
- CYS Publications of the Canterbury and York Society
- Dade Materials for compiling the histories and antiquities of Beverley collected from Torre's Manuscripts in the Cathedral at York, etc., collected by W. Dade (1785) (West Yorkshire Archive Service: Yorkshire Archaeological Society MS 80)
- EHR English Historical Review
- ERAS The Transactions of the East Riding Antiquarian Society
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- Hugh the Chanter* *Hugh the Chanter, The History of the Church of York, 1066–1127*, ed. and trans. C. Johnson (London, 1961)
- JEH *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*
- Le Neve J. Le Neve, *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1300–1541*, comp. J.M. Horn, B. Jones, H.P.F. King (Institute of Historical Research, 1962–67), 11 vols. and index. C and L—Coventry and Lichfield, MH—Monastic Houses, NP—Northern Province, WD—Welsh Dioceses
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- RS Rolls Series
- Rec.Comm. Record Commission
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INTRODUCTION

Ninety years have passed since A.F. Leach subjected the provosts of Beverley to entertaining scrutiny.¹ If his comments upon them now appear cursory, the succession in the provostship which he then established requires remarkably little amendment today. Leach, regrettably, confined his detailed attention to these somewhat detached dignitaries. Notwithstanding his pioneering contribution to our knowledge of the working of the chapter, he professed little time for the prebendaries of the church. Those who inevitably came to his notice as editor of the extant Chapter Act Book received, on the whole, scant and unsympathetic handling, and a search for the remainder he roundly declared an unprofitable exercise.² It was the prebendaries, however, not the provost (who was not necessarily a member of the chapter), who alone presided over the collegiate church. Their identity may be judged, therefore, to be of greater relevance to Beverley Minster than a succession of exalted, but often remote, figureheads of a largely external administration. The present volume attempts to make good the omission by listing, together with 41 provosts, 218 canons and prebendaries,³ 21 sacrists, 13 precentors, 18 chancellors and 137 vicars.

The Chapter Act Book,⁴ the most substantial collection of documents relating to clerical life in medieval Beverley, affords detailed coverage of less than four decades (1303–c.1339). Following, as it does, long years of comparative darkness, it illuminates the collegiate church much as a flare displays the night scene, and the novelty and detail of its revelations create for the reader the illusion of a new beginning. What in reality is offered, however, is a vivid snapshot of an institution functioning in well-worn grooves as it had done for many generations, and as it continued to do, albeit with declining vigour, for a further two hundred years.

Twice this time had passed since King Athelstan had refounded a community allegedly established by St John of Beverley early in the eighth century. Whatever credence is given to the tradition associating the latter with Beverley, it was one which gained early and widespread acceptance:⁵ John's shrine may for long have drawn pilgrims to the church when Athelstan made his diversion there, as he progressed northwards against the Scots and the Danish remnant in 934.⁶

Be that as it may, future generations of clergy regarded the king, not John, as the true founder of their church's constitution and privileges as they knew them. Archbishop Romeyn (1286–96), who claimed personally to have perused Athelstan's

¹ *BCA*, ii, pp.vii–cxii.

² *Ibid.*, pp.vii–viii.

³ This figure includes twelfth-century canons installed prior to the creation of prebends.

⁴ Printed in *BCA*. For a description of the original see Leach's introduction (i, pp.lxxxii–lxxxvii). The dates in the title are those of somewhat detached documents at the beginning and end of what is, in fact, a collection of correspondence and memoranda relating to every aspect of the church's life. Covering in detail a considerably shorter period than that indicated, it is, therefore, much more than a minute book of the chapter's transactions. There is now no means of knowing whether the book as it now exists represents a portion of a longer sequence, or whether it represents the systematic work of an individual official. It may be significant that its detailed coverage corresponds closely to the period throughout which the capable John de Risingdon, vicar of St Andrew's Altar, was *auditor causarum* of the chapter, i.e. from 1303 to c.1335 (below, p.130).

⁵ Bede (who was ordained by John), the sole known source for the tradition, refers only vaguely to the site of John's monastery as *Inderauuda*—'In the wood of the Deiri' (*Historia Ecclesiastica*, v, 2, 6).

⁶ *HCY*, i, pp.263–4; *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, ed. J. Raine (SS, 5, 1837), pp.98–9.

charter, asserted that it had established at Beverley a college of seven canons, bound to perpetual residence and communal living.⁷ Moreover, twelfth-century chroniclers⁸ also attributed to Athelstan the award of that most lucrative corn render known as thraves, which brought so much contention, as well as wealth, to the medieval chapter: 'namely four thraves from each plough throughout the East Riding for coulter and ploughshare.'⁹

No reliable information remains regarding the fortunes of the Minster in the hundred years which followed Athelstan's donation. Clearly the cult of Bishop John must have prospered, doubtless to the enhancement of his church, for the silence is broken by record of his canonisation in 1037. The occasion was marked, we are told, by the translation of the saint's remains to a new and splendid tomb.¹⁰ Aelfric Puttoc (1023–51), who presided over this ceremony, was the first of three archbishops whose constructive attentions gave substance to the Minster's standing as the mother church of the East Riding. Bringing to a close the Old English succession, their work is at once an assurance that the church entered the Norman era in good heart, and a salutary reminder of the possible vitality of the obscure Anglo-Saxon diocese of York.¹¹

Aelfric commenced the building of a new refectory and dormitory, offices which may well have survived long enough to serve as the first Bedern (as the communal centre of the lesser clergy was termed in later years). The work was continued by Archbishop Cynsige (1051–60), who also furnished the church with ornaments and books, and surmounted it with a lofty stone tower housing bells. The crowning achievement of these pre-Conquest years, however, was accomplished by Ealdred (1061–9), who, besides completing the refectory and dormitory, erected a magnificent presbytery, dedicated to St John the Evangelist, and embellished with such craftsmanship that chroniclers could only marvel at its splendour. His concern extended also to the daily ordering of the community. The nature of his consti-

⁷ *Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.380–1; *BCA*, ii, pp.156–7.

⁸ *HCY*, loc. cit.; *Sanctuarium*, loc. cit.

⁹ According to Alfred (Alured), the twelfth-century sacrist of Beverley (below, p.113) the thraves of Beverley represented no new tax, for 'of a truth these were paid by the laws of former kings through the whole of the East Riding for the king's horses and messengers every year' (*Sanctuarium*, loc. cit.). Allegedly derived from the Danish levy of *hors-traffa*, thraves were synonymous with what the Meaux chronicler terms *Hestcornes*, which raised provender for the Norse occupation of Deira (*Chronica Monasterii de Melsa*, ed. E.A. Bond (RS 1866–8), ii, p.236). At the lesser rate of one to the plough they were due also to St Leonard's Hospital, York, from the whole of the far-flung medieval diocese of York, (*VCH, Yorkshire*, iii, pp.336, 340, 342), and, in the diocese of Durham, provided the emolument of the local pounder or pinder (*punderus*) (*The Boldon Book, or Survey of Durham in 1183*, ed. W. Greenwell (SS, 25, 1852), pp.lxix, 45, 50–1, 54).

As a measurement of corn as it stood in the field the thrave was known to Henry Best in the seventeenth-century North: '12 sheaves of corne make a stooke of what grain soever it be that is bowned up in sheaves, & likewise 12 sheaves layed on the floore & threshed goe to a stooke of strawe, & 2 stookes or 24 sheaves make a threave of strawe' (*The Farming and Memorandum Books of Henry Best of Elmswell 1642*, ed. D. Woodward (Records of Social and Economic History, New Series viii) 1984, p.149). N. Bailey's *Dictionary* (3rd edn, 1726) has—'A Thrave—24 sheaves or 2 shocks of corn set up together. North Country.'

According to Finchale Priory estimates of 1335–9 five thraves yielded a quarter of corn (*The Charters of Endowment, Inventories and Account Rolls pp.xvi–xxi*). This was, of course, the medieval quarter of 395 lb. (as opposed to the modern quarter of 480 lb.), and implies that a thrave represented 79 lb. of grain. For commutation purposes a quarter was always valued, from the outset up to the Dissolution, at 1s. 4d. The parish payments almost invariably appear as multiples or halves of this sum, which may represent, as Farrer believed, the ancient Danish ore, (*EYC*, I, p.95) or simply the prevailing price of oats in the twelfth century, when the renders of outlying parishes were first commuted to pensions.

¹⁰ *HCY*, ii, p.343.

¹¹ See Janet M. Cooper, *The Last Four Anglo-Saxon Archbishops of York* (Borthwick Papers No.38, 1970), and F. Barlow, *The English Church 1000–1066* (1963), *passim*.

tutional reforms is not recorded: we are informed only that he improved the customs of the church, tightened discipline and ensured peace and order in the precincts. Ealdred's attentions did not include the establishment at Beverley of a prebendal system, as was the case at Southwell. Quite apart from the strength of later evidence, the very purpose of the newly completed offices was to facilitate communal living, which almost certainly continued for another hundred years.

Thus, as the Old English diocese of York itself acquired formality, the church of Beverley, together with those of Ripon and Southwell, emerged from faltering and shadowy beginnings to gain the wealth and pre-eminence, if not the acknowledged status, of departmental cathedrals. Remote from the mother church of York, and jealous of their individual privileges, each presided over the ecclesiastical scene in its own area. To describe them as daughter churches of York is to note simply their relative standing within a vast pastoral area, rather than to imply a close family relationship. As stars in a constellation convey an illusion of association, so distance in time often imposes upon kindred institutions a cohesion unknown to contemporaries.

Though independent isolation probably accorded ill with Norman notions of ecclesiastical government the impact of the Conquest upon Beverley is evident only in the long term. Everything, we believe, militated against early constitutional changes of the kind made at York, where the creation of prebends was soon found expedient. In contrast to the fate of York, Norman vengeance upon the North in 1069 left Beverley itself unscathed,¹² and its community, invigorated by recent reforms, can have provided little reason for urgent readjustment. On the other hand its lands and revenues from thraves clearly shared fully in the disaster. Never, at the best of times, amenable to partition, their low ebb at this juncture must have inhibited the early institution of a prebendal system. Indeed the response of the first Norman archbishop confirms this belief, change being confined to the creation of a provostry in 1092, under a provost charged with stewardship of its complex and impoverished assets.¹³ The effect was to confirm communal 'Minster life', rather than to destroy it, whilst the abiding circumstances of the church's endowments ensured the continued usefulness of the provostship even in better times.

The considerations which set limits upon Norman innovations served also to restrict the number of canons to the original seven, and to ensure that the dignitaries—the sacrist, chancellor and precentor—when they appeared, remained subordinate officers. By the second half of the twelfth century when, we believe, a division of revenues was at length effected, this Anglo-Saxon inheritance had gained formality enough to ensure that the only additional prebendary was accorded no place in chapter in right of his prebend. This was the prebendary of St Katherine's Altar, who received his income, not from the corporate revenues of the church, but from the offerings of the faithful at the shrine of St John.¹⁴ Even the vicars of these prebendaries bore witness to the old order, fulfilling on behalf of their masters, as their prime function, the primitive pastoral role of minster priests within the extensive parish of Beverley.

¹² *HCY*, i, pp.265–9. Whether Beverley owed its good fortune to the Conqueror's favour, the miraculous intervention of the Blessed John (as local folk believed), or the presence of the Danish fleet in the Humber, we do not know.

¹³ *BCA*, ii, pp.332–4.

¹⁴ The prebendary of St Katherine's Altar, sometimes referred to as 'the eighth canon', was never accorded a place in chapter as of right, though he frequently attended its meetings (*ibid.*, ii, p.94). The archbishop's membership of the chapter, in right of his corrody, known as St Leonard's prebend, was bitterly resisted by the canons in their dispute with Archbishop Alexander Neville in 1381 (*ibid.*, p.212; see also *ibid.*, p.267).

Thus, to a greater degree than perhaps any other comparable institution, the late medieval church of Beverley preserved within its constitution clear traces of its Anglo-Saxon origin. In broad outline the foundation attributed to Athelstan survived changing fortunes and the reforming adjustments of archbishops to persist up to its final dissolution in the sixteenth century. It remains now to consider those subsequent innovations which tend to obscure this continuity.

THE PROVOSTS

The Provosts' Book credits Thomas of Bayeux, the first Norman archbishop, with the foundation of the provostry in 1092.¹⁵ His immediate purpose, we are informed, was to resolve disputes among the canons, arising from the burden of administration of their corporate assets in the absence of some of their number. There is no reason to doubt this assertion. A similar innovation had earlier been made at York, but whereas the provostship there was soon superseded by the creation of prebends, at Beverley the problem of thraves and lands ill-disposed to partition ensured its continued usefulness. The effect was to facilitate and perpetuate communal life in the recently completed dormitory and refectory for a further hundred years.

In the office of provost were vested the lordship and temporalities of the Liberty of St John, with jurisdiction, temporal and spiritual, of its several parishes; oversight and management of the manors of the church; the collection of thraves throughout the East Riding; the ordering of the Bedern and its staff, involving the sustenance of the canons and their vicars; and the appointment of the three dignitaries and the clerks of the Barfell.

Jurisdiction over clerks wearing the habit of the church remained the jealously guarded preserve of the chapter, in which the provost had no place in right of his provostship. Nor was he accorded a stall in the choir, and at no time did his authority extend to the internal ordering of the Minster. In short, as the writer in the Provost's Book explained, the provost was a dignitary 'not *in* but *of* the church'.¹⁶ Moreover, the rights of the canons were upheld by the arrangement that, though he was the nominee of the archbishop, it was the chapter which admitted him, received his oath and granted him seisin of the Bedern and the manors of the church.

From the outset what was probably required of a provost was to be not so much an active resident official as a figure 'to contend with', who would provide both a focal point of a structure of management, so organised as to make his personal involvement inessential, and also a sanction against reluctant payers of dues. This much seems implicit in Archbishop Thomas's choice of the first provost, for prolonged personal attendance at Beverley can scarcely have been anticipated of his nephew, Thomas II, a royal chaplain and himself a future archbishop.

Of the 41 distinguished clerks who presided over the provostry in its 450 years of existence 23 were highly placed royal servants. They included five chancellors of England, one treasurer, two keepers of the privy seal and two keepers of the wardrobe. Thirteen provosts became bishops, five of these archbishops. Only eight can be recognised with certainty as first and foremost diocesan officials or active dignitaries of the Northern Church. On the other hand the obligations of the provost were never so far forgotten as to make the dignity a prey to foreign provisors: only two provosts were aliens, and both were almost certainly resident in England throughout their tenures of office.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, pp.332-3.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, p.333.

Discounting the doubtful instance of Thomas Becket (1154–62), who allegedly held St Michael's prebend, the first provost to find a place in the chapter was the Savoyard Aymo de Carto (1295–1304). Thereafter all but six of his 22 successors sooner or later acquired a prebend, and, whilst Beverley can rarely have received their sustained and undivided attention, the great majority can be shown to have been provosts in more than name.

THE CANONS AND PREBENDARIES

The fact that Beverley's prebends had little or no territorial basis led Professor Hamilton Thompson to doubt their reality. 'The possessions of the canons', he wrote, 'were regarded as one common prebend in which each canon possessed an annual dividend. The *corpus* of each prebendal share was regarded as consisting in the corrody of daily rations derived from the Bedern . . . Although in the course of time thraves from certain specified parishes were appropriated to some of the canons, the scattered nature of such property prevented the establishment of separate prebends with a fixed area'.¹⁷

Though this can be accepted as an accurate description of the situation left by Archbishop Ealdred (d.1068), which persisted for approaching a hundred years after his death, it had ceased to be true well before the end of the twelfth century. By this time a complete and defined partitioning of endowments, notably of thraves, had given a formality to prebends of which Thompson was apparently unaware.

In a radical re-application of thraves only those rendered by the deanery of Holderness were reserved to the provost, so that he might continue to fulfil his statutory obligation to supply the corrodiess in the Bedern.¹⁸ The remainder, from the rest of the East Riding, were apportioned among the prebends, as their independent and inalienable entitlement, in such measure as to strike an initial rough parity of value, after taking into account individual revenues from rents, tithes and other sources.¹⁹

No reference to the ordinance which effected this change survives, but strong inferences suggest that it was the work of Archbishop Roger de Pont l'Eveque, earlier rather than later in his episcopate (1154–81). A short time before Roger's arrival at York Henry Murdac had been minded, so we are informed, to introduce the Augustinian Rule at Beverley, and had been prevented from doing so by his death in 1153.²⁰ Such a proposal would surely have been inconceivable had the canons been already entrenched in independent prebends. Moreover, some 20 years earlier the provost and canons had acted jointly in awarding half their thraves in the parishes of Bridlington and Hunmanby to the Augustinian canons of Bridlington, with whom they appear to have felt a warm affinity.²¹ The involvement of the provost in an area where his personal concern lapsed with partition, and the absence of any reference to the prebendary of St Martin's Altar, the eventual

¹⁷ *VCH, Yorkshire*, iii, p.354.

¹⁸ The corn renders representing thraves due annually to the provost from religious houses and parishes within the deanery of Holderness appear in a composition of 1450/1 made between Provost John Barningham and the executor of his predecessor, Robert Rolleston, to be found in full in *The Provost's Book* ff.113–16. A translation of the document appears in Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, pp.596–600. Designed to clarify ambiguities in an agreement of c.1294 between Provost Aymo de Carto and the executors of his predecessor, Peter of Chester, which served to regulate the transfer of assets of the provost on subsequent occasions, the quantities due had probably held constant throughout the intervening years (*BCA*, i, pp.136, 143–4).

¹⁹ See below, pp.xxii–xxiv.

²⁰ *The Priory of Hexham*, ed. J. Raine (SS, 44, 1865, p.166).

²¹ *BCA*, ii, pp.289–90.

recipient of the other half of these thraves, point to a community of interest not evident after the creation of prebends.

An examination of the character of the chapter supports this conclusion. All the indications are that hitherto the canons had led a local, corporate existence, rarely straying beyond the confines of the East Riding, and usually at hand at Beverley to witness in sizeable groups episcopal charters. With the coming of Archbishop Roger, however, we find this body being joined, for the first time, by clerks whose far ranging activities were clearly incompatible with any notion of communal living. Both Peter de Carcassonne and Miles de Beverlac were household clerks, apparently before and after they entered the chapter, and, together with Osbert Arundel, were constantly employed by Roger in the administration of the diocese at large. Such men had far greater affinity with the succession of diocesan personnel who supplied the active chapter membership throughout the thirteenth century and the Act Book years than with the canons they gradually replaced.

Definite information about the chapter in the difficult years of Geoffrey Plantagenet (1191–1212) is scarcely to be expected. Roger de Richmond and Roger Marmion may well have received their prebends in this period, to provide a link with the calmer times of Walter Gray (1215–55). The established succession to prebends in the present volume begins, at first tentatively, during the latter's long and distinguished primacy. The chapter as it emerges from three decades of obscurity gives the appearance of a new beginning. Most of the new appointments favoured Gray's own clerks, not a few of whom had been recruited in the south, and so came fresh to his turbulent inheritance. Though subsequent vacancies in the see allowed the intrusion of royal servants, in the hundred years that followed this diocesan representation continued to predominate. In the Act Book period it is seen to supplement a small residentiary group of similar background and outlook, frequently the discarded assistants of former archbishops.

The tenures of perpetual absentees, though significant in a small chapter, tended to be of short duration, and papal provisors were few and far between. Prebends with diverse revenues, the major part bitterly contested by East Riding rectors and their parishioners, cannot have been among the most attractive preferments to clerks not at hand to collect their dues. Together with the demands of a cure of souls (which a prebend was held to involve), given a resolute archbishop, this offered a deterrent against unwelcome intruders.

The papacy is frequently seen in earlier years as the chief patron of the latter. With the passage of time, however, the distribution of provisions became more widespread, to the extent that the decline in papal power to make effective awards seems not to have benefited the humbler clerk in search of a prebend. Indeed, admissions to the chapter in the late fourteenth century reveal archbishops left open to pressures from prevailing factions at home, which they were unable, or unwilling, to resist. They were pressures which scarcely favoured the powerless.

These same decades saw also, we think, a consolidation of prebendal incomes, consequent upon a solution, or abatement, of the problem of thraves. The effect of this was to draw prebends more completely into the general market place of preferment, where competition virtually eliminated from the chapter the homely northern clerk of few benefices in favour of successful, well-placed pluralists, who, at best, were resident at York, but more often far away in the royal service.

Scrutiny of the chapter's membership at two moments of crisis, some sixty years apart, confirms the reality of these changes. In April 1325 all but one of Beverley's eight prebendaries assembled in convocation in response to an exceptionally forceful challenge to their entitlement to thraves.²² No less than five of them were regarded

²² *BCA*, ii, p.62. The absent canon was represented by his proxy.

as fulfilling the obligations of residence, and of these Denis Avenel, archdeacon of the East Riding, William de Soothill, rector of Patrington, and Henry de Carlton, a permanent residentiary, were normally active in the locality. A fourth, Robert de Pickering, dean of York, was a constant visitor to Beverley and had for long been the dominant member of its chapter. Less permanent, but nevertheless much in evidence in 1325, was the alien Wilfrid de Gropo St Peter, apparently left behind by Cardinal Luke of St Maria in Via Lata (recently returned to Avignon) to represent his master's interests in the North. The other two were paying a rare, perhaps their only, visit to Beverley: Benedict de Paston was essentially a southern clerk who had served Archbishop Reynolds as official principal at both Worcester and Canterbury, whilst Robert de Northburgh next features in the Act Book as a student at Orleans, having attempted to lease his prebend. The solitary absentee was Nicholas de Huggate, a friend and former colleague in the royal household of Archbishop Melton. The only professional king's clerk in the chapter, in 1325 he was the royal receiver for Aquitaine and Gascony. Nevertheless his absence belies his contribution to Beverley: a local man, he was shortly to retire to become a most active provost of the church.

The personal involvement of most of these men and the community of interest which they evinced in time of need stand in sharp contrast to the preoccupations and attitudes of their successors in the Spring of 1381. This was the occasion of the notorious visitation of the Minster by Archbishop Alexander Neville, in pursuit of his claim in right of his corrody to be not only a member of the chapter but also its president.²³ When every allowance has been made for Neville's provocative and volatile temperament things were not as they should have been in the Beverley chapter when the fiery archbishop descended upon its members for 'the refreshment of their souls'. Only the three most vulnerable prebendaries responded to his summons. They acknowledged that neither they nor their absent colleagues kept the modest twelve weeks' statutory residence enjoined by Archbishop Greenfield—though two, they asserted, had a better record than the rest.

Of the 1381 chapter only Richard de Thearne (or Thorne), a valued diocesan administrator under Archbishops Thoresby, Neville and Arundel, and Nicholas of Louth, rector of Cottingham, were actively involved in the York diocese. These two were joined in a tardy submission to the archbishop by Richard de Chesterfield, a former treasury official who, though now a residentiary of Lincoln, clearly felt it necessary to safeguard his Beverley prebend.

No such consideration moved the five absent canons. Highly placed royal clerks, secure in rich preferments beyond the reach of Neville, all remained aloof. Walter Skirlaw, the future bishop of Durham, who was soon to be appointed keeper of the Privy Seal, was overseas at the time of the visitation. He, together with Henry de Snaith, who had been keeper of the great wardrobe under Edward III, and William de Birstall, Master of the Rolls until his death later in 1381, seem to have escaped the archbishop's censure. This seems to have been reserved for Richard de Ravenser, a distinguished Master in Chancery and a former provost of Beverley, who led the chapter's resistance, and, to a lesser extent, for John de Wellingborough, a king's clerk associated with him.

Archbishops of an earlier generation, however readily they may have accepted the prolonged absence of individuals, would certainly not have acquiesced in the corporate omissions of these canons. Only a dwelling upon the notoriety of Neville

²³ The fullest accounts of this *cause célèbre* are still those of A.F. Leach, *BCA*, ii, pp.lxxiv–lxxxii, and 'A Clerical Strike at Beverley Minster in the Fourteenth Century', *Archaeologia*, lv (1896), pp.1–20. For a recent summary see M. Aston, *Thomas Arundel. A Study in Church Life in the Reign of Richard II* (Oxford, 1967), pp.289–293.

has spared them censure in retrospect. Their common ground no longer lay in a united concern for their church, but rather in their preoccupation with civil administration. It was left to Thomas Arundel, Neville's successor, to recall the chapter to the fact that at Beverley the requirements of residence applied equally to all its members.²⁴

In the absence of any recognised residentiary body at Beverley, of the kind which presided over York Minster, we can discover no co-ordinated scheme of residence. Probably none existed in these later years. In the fifteenth century, apart from an indeterminate representation of those able clerks who administered the see on behalf of their absent master, prebends were in the hands of men of whom no residence can have been anticipated.²⁵ Though the former group kept a peripatetic surveillance over the church, little active concern could be expected of prebendaries chosen on account of their closeness to the seat of government, academic associations, or, not least, their kinship with the archbishop of the day.

The default and decline evident in the period approaching the dissolution cannot be attributed merely to the climate of the times. Special and more potent factors served to debilitate the church of Beverley. The departure of the cloth industry from the town, and the rise of Kingston-upon-Hull, certainly contributed to the decay noted by Leland,²⁶ and doubtless accounted for at least some of the empty tenements itemised in rentals.²⁷ Moreover, the rise of St Mary's, once a chapelry of St Martin's prebend, as the town church must have diminished the local role of the Minster, whilst in a wider context its geographical situation placed it at a singular disadvantage. A certain remoteness from the mainstream of activity, which in earlier times had made the collegiate church the ecclesiastical centre of the equivalent of a small diocese, now, in changed circumstances, placed it in something of a backwater.

The movement of this centre of gravity away from the great church, and the long, slow decline in care and concern on the part of its chief custodians which accompanied it, probably went unperceived by contemporaries. Nevertheless it helped to remove the last prebendaries far, both in spirit and habit, from the early canons around their common board.

Though none of Beverley's prebends equalled in value the richest at York, all were substantial, bearing comparison with the more lucrative stalls in many cathedral churches, and well in excess of those at Ripon and Southwell.

Nearly all early assessments of their income are based on the dubious figures of the *Taxatio Nicholai* of 1291,²⁸ which give only a partial indication of their true worth. Detailed accounts of two prebends, namely St Martin's and St Michael's, which emanate from this period reveal revenues amounting to at least twice the sums shown in the *Taxatio*, suggesting that no account had been taken of income from thraves and distributions from the common fund. For reliable reckoning we have to await the sixteenth century which produced the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* (1535)²⁹

²⁴ Arundel's review of the constitution in 1391 is printed in full in *BCA*, ii, pp.265–279.

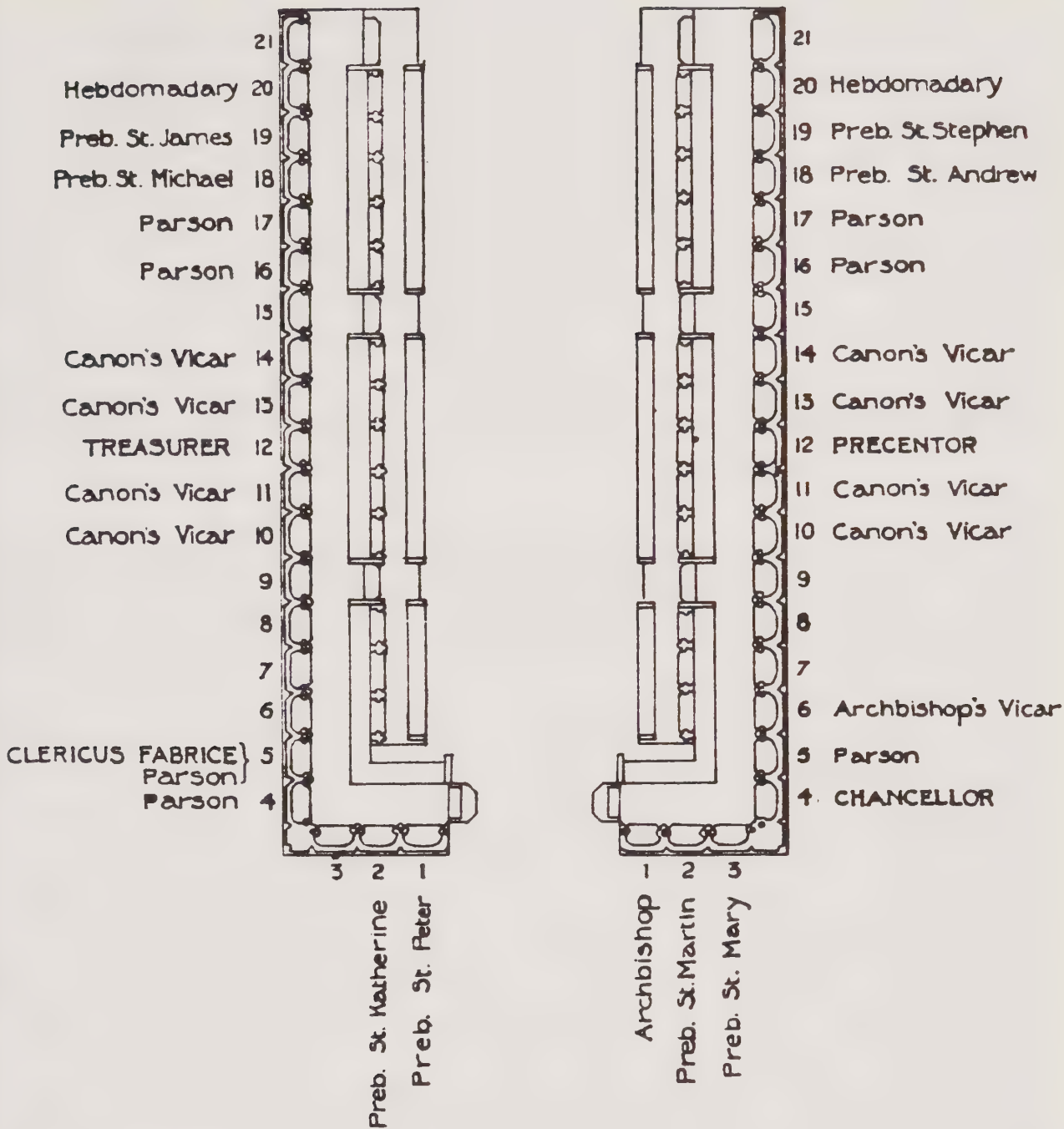
²⁵ A fragment of a late fifteenth-century roll of the comings and goings of prebendaries exists, however, to show that their residence was carefully recorded (BL Lansdowne MS 599). Though it tends to confirm a lack of co-ordination in residence, this document represents a caution against assuming wholesale neglect on the part of the chapter in what otherwise might appear an unpromising period.

²⁶ *BCA*, ii, pp.345–6.

²⁷ 'A fifteenth century fabric roll of Beverley Minster', ed. A.F. Leach, in *ERAS*, vi, pp.56–103.

²⁸ *Taxatio Ecclesiastica Angliae et Walliae auctoritate P. Nicholai IV, circa AD 1291*, ed. S. Ayscough and J. Caley (Record Commission, 1802). For critical consideration of the *Taxatio*'s assessments in general see J.R.H. Moorman, *Church Life in England in the Thirteenth Century* (Cambridge, 1946), pp.135–7.

²⁹ *Valor Ecclesiasticus temp. Henry VIII, auctoritate regia institutus*, ed. J. Caley and J. Hunter, v (Record Commission, 1832).



The seating arrangements in the choir as confirmed by Archbishop Arundel in 1391 (*BCA*, ii, pp.267–8). Plan as published by J. Bilson, *YAJ*, xxiv, 1917.

and the Chantry Survey (1548),³⁰ by which time diminished incomes had been further eroded by the beginnings of Tudor inflation.

Though the fortunes of certain prebends fluctuated with time, sufficient uniformity of values remained to suggest an initial attempt at equality.

³⁰ *The Certificates of the Commissioners appointed to survey the Chantries, Guilds, Hospitals, etc. in the County of York*, ed. W. Page, ii (SS, 92, 1895), pp.524–40.

	<i>Taxatio Nicholai (1291)</i>	<i>Valor (1535)</i>	<i>Chantry Certificate (1548)³¹</i>
St Andrew's	£27 os. od.	£48 16s. 6d.	omitted
St James's	£26 os. od.	£47 1s. 4d.	£40 5s. 4d.
St Martin's	£45 os. od.	£39 11s. 1d.	£40 4s. 11d.
St Mary's	£16 os. od.	£35 18s. od.	£37 14s. 4d.
St Michael's	£17 os. od.	£31 8s. 4d.	omitted
St Peter and St Paul's	£25 os. od.	£46 6s. 11½d.	£49 19s. 4d.
St Stephen's	£25 os. od.	£44 os. od.	£48 5s. 1d.
St Katherine's		£10 18s. 4d.	£11 14s. 8d. ³²

Summaries of the sources of revenue making up the assessments of the Valor are given in the text of this volume, each prefacing the appropriate prebendal list.

THE OFFICERS

Not least among the unusual constitutional features of Beverley Minster was the relatively humble status accorded to the dignitaries, or officers, as they were more properly called. Though the formality of their office preserved them from being identified with the vicars, the sacrist, chancellor and precentor always ranked far below the canons.

Even in pre-Conquest days someone must have done the work of the *custos ecclesie*, *scholasticus* and chanter in which the three offices had their roots. Whilst little credence can be given to the late assertion that they were the creation of Archbishop Aelfric Puttoc (d.1051),³³ clerks fulfilling the role of two of them can be identified in the first half of the following century. First notice of a sacrist comes in the person of Alfred (Alured) the Sacrist, a man of literary interests, whose ability, if not his preferment, made him a figure of standing in the collegiate body by 1143. William Ketell, who compiled a collection of the miracles of St John of Beverley in the first half of the twelfth century gives an enthusiastic account of a *scholasticus*, who also performed, among other things, the work later associated with the precentor.³⁴ Whatever his precise status may have been, the circumstances surrounding his successor, Angot, described as *magister scholarum*, suggest an officer no longer tied to his school. It is noticeable, however, that the Ordinance of the Refectory, thought to belong to the latter half of the century, still refers to both officials under their early titles of *custos ecclesie* and *magister scholarum*, and makes no mention of a precentor. First reference to a clerk holding this last post occurs only in c.1199, and it may well be that all three offices did not achieve ultimate formality until this later period.

³¹ These sums ignore substantial deductions in respect of unspecified 'reprises' made in the Chantry Certificate. Possibly arising from the process of dissolution, they are clearly over and above those recorded in the *Valor*.

³² The bulk of the income of St Katherine's prebend almost certainly eluded all assessments, it being derived from the offerings of the faithful at the High Altar. How much of these was allocated to it initially is unclear, but in an ordinance of 1307 Archbishop Greenfield limited its receipts to half the offerings, the other half becoming the reward for residence of the seven senior prebendaries (*BCA*, i, pp.192-4). Responding to a dispute in 1378 as to whether the prebend's dues extended to offerings at the shrine of St John of Beverley, Archbishop Alexander Neville ordained that its occupant should receive only 50 marks in the event of the total offerings exceeding 100 marks, and half the total should this fall below 100 marks (*Reg. A. Neville*, i, f.66). There may well have been times when St Katherine's was the richest of all the prebends.

³³ *BCA*, ii, p.351.

³⁴ *HCY*, i, p.281.

If the offices of sacrist, chancellor and precentor fitted uneasily into the constitutional scheme at Beverley, so, it would seem, did their occupants into the Minster community. Rarely do they feature in records as active functionaries, and numerous notices of their absence serve only to endorse what their careers generally suggest. Though officially bound to perpetual residence, such useful employment as remained to them in the thirteenth century justified neither their presence nor, indeed, their status. More appropriate to lesser clerks, their respective roles in the daily routine had for long been fulfilled by deputies readily available among the vicars and choir clerks. Both archbishops and chapter found little difficulty, therefore, in acquiescing in their prolonged absences.

By the years covered by the Act Book the value of all three officers had come to reside chiefly in the formality each gave to the department with which he was traditionally associated. So, when celebrants at the numerous altars abused their entitlement to candles, it was the rights of the absent sacrist which were invoked; adulterine schools were suppressed by the chapter in the name of the chancellor, whose moment of significance arose only when, every three years, he appointed the master of the grammar school; when Archbishop Corbridge charged the precentor with the inspection of the chant books and the correction of the choristers, he knew very well that the remedy of discordant singing lay, not with William de Hambleton, the dean of York and future chancellor of England, but with his humble deputy, the succentor, who was probably one of the vicars.

Those officers who subsequently achieved distinction, such as John de Crowcombe, William de Ferriby, Ralph de Ivinghoe and William Dalton, normally resigned on receipt of richer preferment. To such men an office came early, in the nature of a bursary, but for the most part the recipients were useful men of lesser stature, small-time absentee administrators whose limited prospects made for longer tenures. Throughout the Act Book years only two, Bythum and Cothum, both chancellors, were resident for any length of time, giving a false impression of attendance on the part of the rest.

Appointed, not by the chapter, to whom they were accountable, but by the provost, who paid their stipends, these lesser dignitaries remained in their subordinate status throughout the later middle ages. It may be that the sacrists, chancellors and precentors of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries took a greater personal interest in the church than had their predecessors, coming to the fore with the increasing absence of the canons. Little direct evidence survives to prove this, but the general impression conveyed by their careers and other preferments suggests that it was the case. Perhaps the inscription of the name of each incumbent officer in 1520 on the misericord of his appointed stall in the choir is a memorial to their greater involvement.³⁵

THE VICARS

The Act Book leaves its reader in no doubt that the burden of administration in both the Minster and its parish fell not so much upon the prebendaries as upon the vicars.

From the outset their statutory duties were first and foremost pastoral, not choral. In this they differed from the vicars choral of York and most other great secular churches. It was the prime concern of the vicars of the seven 'ancient' prebends to minister in the parochial areas into which the parish of Beverley was divided, each confined to the area associated with his master's stall. Even the two other vicars, those of the prebendary of St Katherine's and the archbishop, whose pastoral

³⁵ J. Bilson, 'Beverley Minster; some stray notes', *YAJ*, xxiv, 1917, pp.221-35.

obligations are not evident, were never accounted clerks of the choir by reason of their vicarages. Nearly all contemporary documents (though not subsequent commentators) are therefore scrupulous in never describing the vicars of Beverley as vicars choral. Though attendance at the main choir offices was strictly enjoined upon all of them, each canon was officially represented in choral duties by a second clerk, usually in minor orders, to whom the title of vicar was never accorded.

Parishioners living within reasonable distance of the Minster were expected to resort to their appropriate altar therein. Those further afield received the sacraments at one of the outlying chapelries at the hands of the vicar in whose area it lay. Only one of these chapels rose to anything approaching independent status. This was the Chapel of St Mary which, from 1269, was served by a second vicar of St Martin's prebendary, in whose area it was situated.³⁶ Apportioned a generous share in what had hitherto been far and away the richest prebend, this vicar, though always appointed by the prebendary, was never accounted among the company of vicars, and acquired, as did his church, a high degree of independence.

The first vicars who can be identified with confidence appear c.1195, and the Ordinance of the Refectory, which was probably of rather earlier origin, accords to all nine vicars a corrody in the Bedern, each sitting at table 'in the place where his predecessors sat'.³⁷ Whether or not clerks fulfilling their role existed before the creation of prebends, the formal institution of vicarages must have followed closely on an innovation calculated to release the canons for wider service.

Each vicar was nominated, as a rule, by the incumbent prebendary, whose testimony as to his character, orders, learning and age was normally accepted as sufficient. A separate examination of his ability to read and sing the services must frequently have been superfluous, since many vicars, at least in the Act Book period, were recruited from among the clerks of the second form, who in turn were selected for this choir duty on their graduation from the grammar school. Perhaps this limited preference accounts for the generous concession which allowed some young vicars a year's grace in which to acquire priest's Orders. It may also explain the lengthy tenures of many of them.

The fact that eight changes in the vicarage of St Michael's Altar, and four in that of the archbishop, are recorded in the Act Book's 35 years creates the illusion of a rapidly changing concourse in the Bedern. The opposite, in truth, was the case. Four vicars appointed between 1285 and 1292 together gave 139 years of service to their church. They were joined in the course of time by four more who retained their vicarages for 32, 17, 16 and 29 years respectively.

This stability seems to have been reflected in the characters and habits of the men themselves. Most found secondary employment in the precincts; several served chantries, three were clerks of works in a period of intense building activity, others undertook the exacting posts of *auditor causarum* of the chapter, sequestrator of the provostry, archbishop's penitentiary for Beverley and succentor, whilst three were in turn given the more venturesome, if less enduring, task of bearing the celebrated banner of St John to the border wars of three kings. This tradition of service continued up to the dissolution, and was represented at the last by the elderly Robert Flee, the senior vicar, who, in addition to being rector of Leven, is found to be receiver general, warden of the fabric and also the Minster organist.

If we can ignore a series of ill-judged appointments to St Michael's vicarage, the image of the vicars, as it appears in the Act Book, is of a responsible, able and industrious body of men, who brought sustained dedication to their work. The colourful exploits, faults and indiscretions of a few, culled from legal records over

³⁶ *BCA*, i, pp.194–6.

³⁷ *Ibid.*, ii, p.250.

a long period, could be brought together to present a picture of unbroken turbulence and indiscipline in the Bedern, but it would serve entertainment rather than justice. On the whole Beverley seems to have been well served by its vicars throughout the middle ages. It was they, not the prebendaries, who, up to the dissolution of the collegiate church, fulfilled the work of the primitive canons, and preserved to the last a semblance of 'minster life'.

THE BEREPELLARII (LATER KNOWN AS THE PARSONS OR RECTORS OF THE CHOIR)

Well before the sixteenth century this body of junior clergy, seven in number, had come to fulfil a residentiary role in the routine of the church. Referred to in the Act Book as the 'seven clerks who are called *Berefellarii*', or seven clerks of the Barfell,³⁸ obscurity surrounds both their primitive origin and subsequent rise to formal recognition. The Chantry Commissioner's information was that they were part of the original seventh-century establishment of John of Beverley,³⁹ and another sixteenth-century source asserts that the latter ordained seven clerks to function as Levites or servants of the sanctuary.⁴⁰

The first reliable evidence of such a body is given in the twelfth-century Ordinance of the Refectory where provision is made for seven *pauperes* who, though not listed among the corrody holders, were to receive sustenance in alms, each from the canon with whom he was associated.⁴¹ This may explain the appearance among witnesses of local charters of the period of groups of 'chaplains' who cannot readily be identified as vicars. Whatever their official status within the church may then have been, by the Act Book period their alms in food had been commuted to a money payment of four marks,⁴² a development which further confirmed their position within the constitution of the Minster establishment. Indeed, this much is assumed in Archbishop Romeyn's Ordinance of Residence of 1290, where they are listed as a matter of course as *clerici de Berefeld*.⁴³ Nothing is known conclusively of the meaning of 'Barfell', but its association with the seven clerks persisted until 1391, when, having apparently earned them the popular title of Barefellows, Archbishop Arundel pronounced that they should henceforward be known as parsons.⁴⁴

No precise information as to their function is afforded by the Act Book in which they feature as little more than the holders of bursaries. Appointed by the provost, who could remove them at will if they neglected their duties, each was formally accorded a place in the choir. Evidently, however, the *Berefellarii* were at this stage regarded as of no vital importance to the routine of the church, for, though charged with perpetual residence, admission to a clerkship was frequently accompanied by formal leave of absence, usually renewed at two yearly intervals. We know, in fact, of several in full employment elsewhere, of another at university, and of others who were clearly well-to-do, far removed from the poor bedesmen of earlier times.

It was left to Archbishop Thoresby to remedy matters. According to Arundel's statutes of 1391 it was he who 'for the honour of the said church of Beverley, and the greater decency of ministrations in the same, ordained that the parsons, formerly

³⁸ *BCA*, i, pp.56, 190.

³⁹ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.529, where the re-designation of the *berefellarii* as parsons is wrongly attributed to Archbishop Ealdred. Slipshod recording of verbal evidence may explain the crediting of their incorporation to Edward III rather than to Edward IV.

⁴⁰ *BCA*, ii, pp.343-4.

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, pp.251-2.

⁴² *Ibid.*, i, pp.150, 256.

⁴³ *Ibid.*, ii, pp.166-9.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, p.269.

called *berefellarii*, should conform in habit to the parsons officiating in the divine worship in our cathedral and metropolitan church of York'.⁴⁵ The fact that the parsons or rectors of York were in reality chantry chaplains may explain Arundel's requirement that the Beverley parsons should, like the vicars, be ordained priest within a year of appointment.⁴⁶ It may also account for their dramatic rise in stipend from four to ten marks (£6 13s. 4d.) coupled with a fresh insistence upon their perpetual residence.⁴⁷

All the parsons were present and approved at Dean William Felter's visitation in 1442.⁴⁸ Indeed, throughout the remaining years of their existence they appear as much a part of the normal residentiary establishment as the vicars, enjoying similar status, but rather less pay, and performing, it would seem, the duties of choir clerks (i.e. vicars choral). They were housed now within the confines of the Bedern, for which privilege they paid a modest rent to the provost.⁴⁹

It was, therefore, a body changed out of all recognition from the original *pauperes* of the twelfth century which received from Edward IV the crowning recognition of incorporation. In 1472 the king, in consideration of 'their personal and continuous residence and costly and daily personal presence at all canonical hours at the celebration in the same choir to which they are strictly bound by the constitutions of the said church', and of their alleged poverty, ordained 'that they shall be a corporate body by the name of "the seven parsons in the choir of the collegiate church of the Blessed John of Beverley", and shall sue and defend, and hold property as a corporation'.⁵⁰ In the dissolution period they feature in the *Valor* as the Rectors Choral, each still receiving his £6 13s. 4d. but holding corporately property yielding £12 14s. 8d. in rents.⁵¹

With regard to the form of the biographical notices in this volume, an attempt has been made to observe a uniform pattern whilst endeavouring to avoid the rigidity which tends to fossilize once lively men and depersonalize interesting careers. Although lack of information makes the following of this pattern impossible in some instances, the general aim has been to give a picture, however inadequate, of what manner of men they were who governed the Minster over four centuries.

The first paragraph is naturally concerned with the dates of tenure of preferment at Beverley, and the means by which it was acquired. The second seeks to show who the subject was—his employment and family connections where these were noteworthy. The third lists his preferments in the York diocese and the Durham peculiar of Howden, whilst a fourth gathers together his dignities and benefices further afield. In cases where biographies have already been compiled by others, notably by A.B. Emden, this fourth paragraph takes the form of a summary, and its source is noted. In certain instances an extra paragraph takes note of special circumstances surrounding, or further identifying, an individual clerk.

A list of abbreviations precedes this introduction, and in this connection one imperfection must be acknowledged in advance. For the sake of brevity prebends held in churches outside the York diocese have not been identified in the text, since these can now be distinguished readily by reference to the revised edition of Le Neve. It is, however, insufficient to describe a clerk merely as a canon of a church without reference to his prebend, which alone gave substance to his canonry. Many

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, p.271.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, p.273.

⁴⁸ *Miscellanea*, ii, pp.274–5.

⁴⁹ *BCA*, ii, p.316.

⁵⁰ *ERAS*, v, p.45.

⁵¹ *Valor*, v, p.132.

men were awarded canonries, especially in the fourteenth century, only to be thwarted in their quest for a prebend. We have resorted, therefore, to the technically incorrect expedient of recording a successful clerk as being a prebendary of his church. Strictly speaking, of course, he was a canon of the church, and prebendary of his prebend in that church.

Evidence is not lacking of the care taken by officials of the Beverley chapter to preserve in orderly fashion the archives of their collegiate church.⁵² Much of what they accumulated has been lost, not least from later centuries for which local information is unusually thin. Even so, what has survived, together with diocesan, papal and State records, has sufficed for the purpose of establishing a reasonably complete succession to Beverley's chief preferments from the twelfth century onwards.

Many of the sources consulted in the preparation of these lists appear in Abbreviations of Sources which precede this Introduction, and it is necessary here to refer only to those omitted or not clearly identified.

Especially valuable with regard to earlier years are the local and episcopal charters relating to Beverley among the Lansdowne and Stowe MSS in the British Library, and, to a lesser extent, in the Archer-Houblon collection held by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society. Not a few of these are printed in *Early Yorkshire Charters*, ed. W. Farrer and C.T. Clay, 12 vols.; in the footnotes of *The Register, or Rolls, of Walter Gray*, ed. J. Raine (SS, 56, 1870); in the later pages of *The Beverley Chapter Act Book*, ii, and in *Yorkshire Deeds*, ix. Such charters include among their witnesses the names (though little else) of canons and vicars prior to the coverage provided by episcopal registers. Those unprinted are helpful more in determining the length of individual tenures than in yielding additional names.

From the primacy of Walter Giffard (1266–79) onwards the registers of the archbishops of York form an unbroken series covering the remainder of the collegiate church's existence, and record with increasing regularity collations to prebends over the centuries.⁵³ The Provost's Book, only partially printed in the second volume of the Beverley Chapter Act Book, is now lodged in the Humberside Record Office. Of the greatest value in understanding the constitution and endowments of the church, its relevance to our present purpose is limited to its lists of provosts and occasional incidental references to prebendaries. The surviving records of the churches of York, Ripon and Southwell are an obvious source of information about Beverley's prebendaries. Those of York (including the Torre MS, *Antiquities of York Minster*, 1690–1, in York Minster Library) confirm the continuing influence, revealed in the Act Book, of the residentiaries of the mother church upon the affairs of Beverley, whilst those of Southwell and Ripon indicate only a limited affinity between the three daughter churches. To these must be added 'The Registers of the Archdeaconry of Richmond 1361–1442' and 'The Register of the Archdeacons of Richmond 1442–1477', ed. A.H. Thompson in *YAJ*, xxv, xxx, xxxvi. Finally, among the chief original sources, the *Taxatio . . . P. Nicholai IV circa 1291*, ed. S. Ayscough and J. Caley (Record Commission, 1802), 'Documents relating to Visitations in the Diocese and Province of York 1407–1423, 1425–1452' in *Miscellanea*, ii (SS, 127, 1916), the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, v, and the *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii (SS, 92, 1895) give the names of the entire Beverley chapter at specific points in its history, whilst 'Documents from the Record Office relating to Beverley', ed.

⁵² *BCA*, i, pp.137, 141, 143, 184, 188, 218, 229, 254, 308, 316, etc.

⁵³ For details of the registers of the Archbishops of York and other diocesan archives in the Borthwick Institute see David M. Smith, *A Guide to the Archive Collections in the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research* (Borthwick Texts and Calendars: Records of the Northern Province 1, 1973).

W. Brown in *ERAS*, V, 1897 conveniently brings together abstracts from the Patent Rolls and other sources which might otherwise have escaped notice.

Chief among the many secondary sources which find no place in the list of Abbreviations are various contributions to the *Yorkshire Archaeological Journal*: C.T. Clay's Notes on the early dignitaries of York in vols.xxxiv, xxxv, xxxvi; A.H. Thompson's list of prebendaries in the Chapel of St Mary and the Holy Angels, York, in vol.xxxvi; J. Bilson's 'Beverley Minster: some stray notes' in vol.xxiv and Mill Stephenson's notes on East Riding memorial brasses in vols.xii and xiv. To these should be added the latter's exhaustive *List of Monumental Brasses in the British Isles* (1926) and *Appendix* (1938), which has, in several instances, provided conclusive evidence of dates of death; and also A.H. Thompson's survey of the history of the collegiate church of Beverley in *The Victoria County History, Yorkshire*, iii, pp.353-9.

Anyone who undertakes such a task as the one in hand must now acknowledge his debt to A.B. Emden's *Biographical Register of the University of Oxford*, and of the *University of Cambridge* (see list of Abbreviations of Sources for full titles). Though relating only to graduates, and though significant local appointments have sometimes been omitted, they have been of immense assistance in the preparation of the lists which follow.

THE PROVOSTRY OF BEVERLEY AND ITS ESTATES

- The peculiar of Beverley
- Manors of the provostry
- Parish churches of the provostry
- Chapels in patronage of the Provost
- Other chief centres of estates
- Boundary of the East Riding
- LEVEN
- Siggleshorne
- Bilton
- Lowthorpe

Haisthorpe ●

□ RUSTON

Lowthorpe ●

● Kelk

Gembling ●

● Hutton Cranswick

North Dalton ●

MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS

Brandesburton

Scorborough

SOUTH DALTON

Leconfield

Rise

Withernwick

CHERRY BURTON

Molescroft

BEVERLEY

St Nicholas

WALKINGTON

Flinton ●

Weighton ●

Bilton ●

Southcotes ●

Halsham

RIVER HUMBER

Ottringham ●

Patrington

WELWICK

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THE PROVOSTS

The Provostship

The value of the provostship (i.e. the income due to the provost) represented the amount remaining from the total revenues of the provostry after statutory obligations to the Minster clergy and expenses of administration had been met.

In the absence of any comprehensive account of these revenues prior to the sixteenth century, reliable assessment of the provostship is forthcoming only in its final years.¹ Then a spate of slightly differing statements of income probably reflect nothing more than annual variations arising from default of tenants and necessary estate repairs.

The valuation of the provostship in Brian Higdon's list of East Riding clergy of 1525-6 at 100 marks should probably read £100.² The Chantry Certificate for Beverley (c.1546) assessed the income of the provostry at £426 3s. 6½d., its statutory outgoings at £326 9s. 3½d., thus leaving the provost with £99 14s. 3d.³

More assuring, because the supporting accounts are available, is the figure of £109 8s. 8½d. of the *Liber Valorum*,⁴ inserted by the editors in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* (where the entry for the provostry is missing).⁵ The accounts which reach this valuation of the provostry income are demonstrably defective in places, but corrected and augmented in the light of those of the receiver general of the provostry for 1531-2,⁶ they show the revenues and disbursements of the provostry, and hence the valuation of the provostship, as follows:

INCOME OF THE PROVOSTRY

Thraves of Holderness

Cash Payments	£ 95	os.	4d. ⁷	
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587 quarters of corn				
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@ 1s. 4d. per quarter ⁸	£ 39	2s.	8d.	
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	£134	3s.	0d.
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	£ 14	15s.	8d.
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	£ 6	10s.	0d.
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Pensions from churches of provostry

Procurations

Issues of Land

Demesne	£114	13s.	4d. ⁹
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Rents	£ 78	9s.	4½d.
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Farms	£ 52	13s.	10d.
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Mills	£ 7	3s.	4d.
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Woods	£ 4	0s.	0d.
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Pastures of Ridingfields	£ 15	3s.	4d.
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	£272	3s.	2½d.
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	£ 2	13s.	4d.
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	£	1s.	0d.
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	£430	6s.	2½d.
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Perquisites of Courts

Vacant stall in Minster

Total receipts

STATUTORY PAYMENTS

To Chapter

Archbishop's corrody	£	13	6s.	8d.
Prebendaries 8 × £4 4s. 8d.	£	33	17s.	4d.
Common expenses	£	2	16s.	0d.

£ 50 os. 0d.

To Officers

Chancellor	£	10	6s.	8d.
Precentor	£	10	0s.	0d.
Treasurer (sacrist)	£	10	3s.	0d.

£ 30 9s. 8d.

To Lesser Clergy

Rectors Choral 7 × £6 13s. 4d.	£	46	13s.	4d.
Vicars 9 × £8 os. 0d.	£	72	0s.	0d.
17 Clerks of Second Form				
9 × £2 os. 0d.	£	18	0s.	0d.
8 × £1 10s. 0d.	£	12	0s.	0d.
8 Choristers and 2 Thurible bearers				
10 × £1 os. 0d.	£	10	0s.	0d.
4 Subsacrist	£	1	6s.	8d.

£ 160 os. 0d.

To Officials

Accountant	£	6	13s.	4d.
Auditor	£	2	0s.	0d.
Steward of Court	£	1	0s.	0d.
Archbishop's bailiff	£		16s.	0d.
Principal Steward	£	2	0s.	0d.
3 Bailiffs	£	5	14s.	0d.

£ 18 3s. 4d.

Miscellaneous

To Boy Bishop	£		16s.	0d.
Corrody of 7 poor clerks	£	4	10s.	6d.
Washing of table linen	£		4s.	6d.
To Sisters of Killingwoldgraves	£	1	4s.	0d.
To Cross and Shrine bearers	£	2	5s.	0d.

£ 9 os. 0d.

Corn payments

To Vicars	£	10	16s.	1d.
To Prebendaries, Chancellor and Precentor	£	37	19s.	4d.

£ 48 15s. 5d.

Total outgoings £ 316 8s. 5d.¹⁰

Leaving clear value of the Provostship £ 113 17s. 9½d.

¹ The Taxation of Pope Nicholas IV of 1291, in assessing the provostship at a mere £40, probably took no account of thraves, and in any event affords no clue as to its true worth (*Taxatio Ecclesiastica Angliae et Walliae auctoritate P. Nicholai IV c.AD 1291*, Rec. Comm. 1802, p.302).

² YAJ, xxiv, p.63.

- ³ Yorkshire Chantry Surveys, ii, p.524.
- ⁴ The accounts from which this sum is derived are beyond doubt those printed in Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, pp.640–3.
- ⁵ *Valor*, v, p.130.
- ⁶ SC 6/Henry VIII/4413 (Printed in Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, pp.614–24).
- ⁷ The sources from which these commuted renders were derived are listed in the accounts as follows: Abbey of Kirkstall (i.e. the parishes of Aldbrough, Withernsea, Kilnsea, Owthorne, Skeffling, Hollym and Paull) £22; Abbey of Thornton, Lincs., (i.e. the parishes of Garton, Humbleton and Frodingham) £13; Abbey of Meaux 11s. 11d.; Priory of Bridlington (i.e. the parishes of Atwick and Ottringham) £4; Priory of North Ferriby £1 13s. 4d.; Priory of Swine £16; Priory of Nunkeeling £2 3s. 4d.; College of Lowthorpe £1 6s. 8d.; Patrington £6 8s. 4d.; Leven £3 6s. 8d.; Preston £4 10s. 0d.; Halsham £2; Routh 13s.; North Burton (Burton Agnes, unmentioned elsewhere, is probably meant) £1 10s. 0d.; Skidby £1 10s. 0d.; Haisthorpe 5s.; Reighton 4s.; Sigglesothorne £3 2s. 11d.; Rise £3 6s. 8d.; 17 quarters 2 bushels of hardcorn from Sigglesothorne and Rise valued at £7 8s. 6d. Total £95 0s. 4d. (not £92 5s. 4d. as shown in the accounts). The College of Lowthorpe, Haisthorpe, Burton Agnes and Reighton were in the deanery of Dickering; Skidby in the deanery of Harthill. The bulk of the Abbey of Meaux payment was rendered in corn (see below).
- ⁸ According to a composition of 1450/1 made between Provost John Barningham and the executor of his predecessor, Provost Robert Rolleston (Provost's Book ff.113–16), the thrave renders of those parishes of Holderness not subject to commutation were as follows (figures represent quarters of oats): Keyingham 17½, Easington 44, Skipsea 43, Wawne grange 13 (all Abbey of Meaux); Holmpton 22¾, Skeffling 20½, Hornsea 6s, Barmston 21, Catwick 20, Burton Pidsea 20, Cowden 6½, Sproatley 22, Goxhill 8½, Hilston 6½, Nuthill 3, Beeford 47, Mappleton 60, Tunstall 21, Roos 43, Winestead 20, Wawne 6½, Withernwick 32, Paull (rectory) 32½. Total 595¼. 9 quarters of the Abbey of Meaux render were commuted (see above) leaving a total of 586¼ quarters for payment in oats. Additional drag (i.e. mixed corn) payments from Wawne and Preston, not accounted for, possibly represented the hard corn payment to the vicars (see below) together with that from Sigglesothorne and Rise.
- ⁹ In reaching this sum the original omits £9 from North Burton and £5 13s. 4d. from Lockington.
- ¹⁰ The original shows total outgoing as £317 2s. 5d., a discrepancy which, together with the error in addition of commuted thrave renders (see note 7 above), results in a valuation of the provostship £4 9s. 1d. less than the figure given below (i.e. £109 9s. 8½d.).

The Provosts

1092–
1109 THOMAS (the Younger). First provost. Apptd 1092 by Arbp Thomas the Elder on foundation of provostry (*BCA*, ii, pp.332–3). Vac. by 27 June 1109 on cons. as arbp of York (*Hugh the Chanter*, ed. C. Johnson, 1961, pp.15, 29).

Son of Bp Samson of Worcester and nephew of Arbp Thomas the Elder. Royal chaplain. Bp-elect of London 1108, transferred to York before cons. Arbp of York 1109–14 (*ibid.*, pp.15–33; *Fasti Ebor.*, pp.163–70).

By 1128 THOMAS (*dictus Normannus*).¹ As provost witnessed Arbp Thurstan's charter to men of Beverley in period 1115–28 (*EYC*, i, no.95), and foundation charter of Rievaulx Abbey 3 May 1132 (*Chartulary of Rievaulx*, SS, 83, p.21).

¹ Simon Russell, the compiler of the Provost's Book (1416/17), has Thurstan (4th provost) succeeding Thomas the Younger. Confusing him with Archbishop Thurstan, he was obliged to show him completing his provostship before the latter's consecration in 1119 (*BCA*, ii, pp.306, 334).

Commended to St. Bernard as young man of worthy family, considerable substance, attractive personality and much promise. Seemingly broke some commitment to Cistercian Order, and died *subita et horrenda morte* (*The Letters of St Bernard*, ed. and trans. B. Scott James, 1953, nos.108, 109; *Fasti Ebor.*, p.164 n.).

Poss.c.1135 ROBERT. Listed by Russell as provost *temporibus partim Regis Henrici primi et partim Regis Stephani et Archiepiscopi partim Thurstini et partim Henrici Murdake*, i.e. before 1135—after 1147 (*BCA*, ii, p.335).² But Provost Thurstan certainly succeeded him by 1142 (*EYC*, i, no.152).

By 1142— THURSTAN. Provost by 1142 (*EYC*, i, no.152). Vac. on death 1152 or
c.1152 1153 (*The Priory of Hexham*, i, SS, 44, p.166).

As archd. (possibly of Nottingham³) witnessed Arbp Thurstan's charter to men of Beverley in period 1115–28 (*EYC*, i, no.95), thus distinguishing the two men.

By 1154— THOMAS BECKET. Provost in 1153–4 when Arbp William Fitzherbert
1162 augmented his p. of Apesthorpe in York in recognition of expenses incurred by Thomas in coming to York to assist in the Arbp's restoration to the see (*EYC*, i, no.155).⁴ Vac. probably on cons. as arbp of Canterbury 3 June 1162.

Household clk of Theobald, arbp of Canterbury, from c.1141. Archd. of Canterbury 1154–62. Chancellor of Henry II 1154–62. Arbp of Canterbury 1162–70. C. of York and p. of Apesthorpe by 1154–1162 (*YMF*, ii, p.4).

Said by Russell to have held p. of ST MICHAEL'S ALTAR (see below, pp.68–9).

By 1164— GEOFFREY. As provost issued charter probably of period 1162–4 (*BCA*,
1177 ii, p.328) and witnessed another 1169 (*EYC*, i, no.86). Vac. on death 27 Sept.1177.⁵

Nephew of Arbp Roger de Pont l'Eveque. Described as *archidiaconus Eboracensis*⁶ 1176 when made chancellor of Henry 'the young king' on

² Russell's insertion of a Provost Robert after Thomas the Norman is unsupported by contemporary evidence. Leach rejected a Robert at this stage with little reservation on the assumption that Thomas was followed by Thurstan in 1132 (*BCA*, ii, pp.xi–xii). But Thurstan first appears as provost no earlier than 1142, and the possibility of a Provost Robert in this gap of uncertainty cannot be discounted, especially since he is marked out in the Provost's Book as an energetic and effective dignitary (*ibid.*, p.335).

³ C.T. Clay, 'Notes on the Early Archdeacons in the Church of York', *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.282.

⁴ This significant yet little noticed reference to Becket rules out his anonymous biographer's assertion that he came to the provostship, together with the archdeaconry of Canterbury, upon the consecration of Roger de Pont L'Eveque. Indeed it makes impossible Roger's own tenure of it (*Materials for the History of Thomas Becket*, iv, ed. J.C. Robertson, RS, pp.10–11; A. Saltman, *Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury*, 1956, pp.167–8).

⁵ With Robert Magnus, *magister scholarum* of York, and 300 others he perished in a storm off the Normandy coast (*Gesta Regis Henrici Secundi* . . ., ed. W. Stubbs, RS, i, p.195).

⁶ 'It must certainly not be assumed without further evidence that Geoffrey archdeacon of York in the period 1162–67 was necessarily the same man as Geoffrey provost of Beverley; nor can the description given by Ralph de Diceto of the latter as *archidiaconus Eboracensis* in 1176, unless corroborative evidence is available, be regarded as free from suspicion' (C.T. Clay, 'Notes on the Early Archdeacons in the Church of York', *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.411).

payment of 1100 marks of silver (*Radulphi de Diceto Opera Historica*, RS, i, p.406).

- By 1181–
1201 ROBERT.⁷ Provost by 1181, witnessing charter of Arbp Roger in favour of Byland Abbey in period 1177–81 (*EYC*, iii, no.1834). Vac. on death 1201 (*Chronica Rogeri de Houeden*, RS, iv, p.174).

Almost certainly brother of Ralph d'Aunay, archd. of Cleveland, later of York, and nephew of Arbp Roger (*YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.419–21).

C. of York and p. of Sherburn by 1195 (*HCY*, iii, p.103).

- By 1202–
1204 SIMON OF WELLS⁸ (Fitzrobert). Provost by 1202 (BL Add. MSS 33658, 33659). Vac. July 1204 on cons. as bp of Chichester.

Archd. of Wells by 1199 (*Rotuli Chartarum*, Rec. Comm., 1837, p.21). Bp of Chichester 1204–7. Senior clk of exchequer before cons.

- In 1205 ALAN.⁹ Provost by 5 July 1205 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.256). As provost witnessed, with canons and clks of Ripon, grant of period 1204–6 (*EYC*, xi, no.157), and may be Alan, chaplain of Arbp Geoffrey Plantagenet, who, as c. of Ripon, witnessed in similar company numerous charters local to Ripon (*MR*, i, pp.101, 199; iv, pp.41, 91; *EYC*, xi, nos.141, 272).

- By 1212–
1217 MORGAN. Provost by 1212 (*Pedes finium Ebor . . . 1199–1214*, SS, 94, p.171). Vac. on res. by Nov. 1217 (*Reg. Gray*, p.130).

Illegitimate son of Henry II. Bp-elect of Durham 1215, but failed to secure confirmation (*BCA*, ii, p.xx). Took the cross, but died an oblate at Fountains Abbey 1217, having earlier resigned his benefices (*Reg. Gray*, loc.cit.).

- 1217–18 WILLIAM.¹⁰ As provost witnessed at least two extant charters of Arbp Gray between Aug. 1217 and 1 March 1218, when his successor first appears (*Reg. Gray*, pp.6n., 129).

- By 1218 Mag. PETER DE SHERBURN. Provost by 1 March 1218 (*Reg. Gray*, p.132). Vac. by June 1226 when Fulk Basset was provost (*ibid.*, p.223).

Official of Arbp Gray c.1219 (*The Chartulary of Guisborough*, ii, SS, 89, p.186).

C. of York and p. of Ulleskelf by 1201. Vac. by Jan.1216, but held unidentified prebend after this date (*YMF*, ii, p.76).¹¹

⁷ Russell placed Robert before Geoffrey (*BCA*, ii, p.306), but Leach conclusively shows this to be incorrect (*ibid.*, pp.xiv–xvii).

⁸ In 1201 Archbishop Geoffrey Plantagenet's appointment of his brother, Morgan, to the provostship was contested by Simon of Apulia, dean of York, (*Roger de Houedene*, iv, p.174), leading Dugdale, followed by Dixon (*Fasti Ebor.*, p.175), to conclude that it was he who gained possession. Apulia, however, claimed merely the right of presentation (D.L. Douie, *Archbishop Geoffrey Plantagenet and the Chapter of York*, Borthwick Papers, 18, p.13). Morgan's claim clearly failed, for numerous charters and letters of the first two years of King John, *data per manus* of two royal clerks, leave no doubt that one of them, Simon, archdeacon of Wells at the beginning of the series, was Simon, provost of Beverley, in those after May 1203 (*Rotuli Chartarum*, pp.21–73).

⁹ Alan, and Morgan who succeeded him, are placed after John Mansel (1247–65) by Russell (*BCA*, ii, p.306).

¹⁰ Both William and Peter de Sherburn are omitted from the Provost's Book lists.

¹¹ Peter de Sherburn was the recipient of an undated grant printed in *BCA*, ii, p.294, not, as stated by Leach, a sacrist of Beverley in 1272 (*ibid.*, p.xxii). The true period of this charter is established by its first witness, Mag. Roger de Richmond, who was prebendary of St Mary's Altar by April 1220 (see below, pp.59–60).

By 1226–
c.1239 FULK BASSET. Occurs as provost 15 June 1226 in Arbp Gray's confirmation of a corrody in Bedern of Beverley to a goldsmith (*Reg. Gray*, p.223), but may have succeeded by March 1222.¹² Vac. on res. between 17 April 1238 and July 1239, during which time apptd dean of York (*ibid.*, p.177; *YMF*, i, p.4).

Bp of London 1244–59.

R. of Howden by 25 Feb.1226, still 17 April 1235¹³ (*Reg. Gray*, p.7; *BCA*, ii, p.xxiv). Dean of York by July 1239–c.March 1244 (*YMF*, loc.cit.; *CPR* 1232–47, p.421).

1239–47 WILLIAM OF YORK (de Eboraco). First described as provost 1240 (BL Add. MS 33667), but almost certainly followed Basset 1239. Vac. by 14 July 1247 on cons. as bp of Salisbury.

Clk in chancery till c.1227. King's justice from 1227, still 1240 (*ibid.*).¹⁴ Bp of Salisbury 1247–56.

C. of York and p. of Knaresborough 1230–c.1239, of Ampleforth by 1239. R. of Kirk Deighton 1226–?, of Easington, Holderness, by 1227, of Hemsworth ?–1228, of Nafferton 1232–47, of Kirkham, Lancs., 1236–47, of Sandal Magna 1238–? (*YMF*, ii, pp.44, 150–3).

C. of Lincoln and p. of ? by 1234. C. of St Paul's, London and p. of Mapesbury 1242–?47. R. of King's Ripton, Hunts., 1220–8, of Gayton, Lincs., 1236–?, of Ovingham, Northumberland, 1237–?, of Eaton Socon, Beds., 1245–? (*ibid.*).¹⁵

1247–65 JOHN MANSEL.¹⁶ Provost from 1247 (*Flores Historiarum*, RS, ii, p.328). Vac. on death 25 Jan.1265 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.79; *CPR* 1258–66, p.404).

King's clk and counsellor—'the ablest of Henry's clerks' (F.M. Powicke, *The Thirteenth Century, 1216–1307*, 2nd edn, 1962, *passim*). Keeper of the seal 1247, still 1263, when he left for France, never to return. In temporary charge of chancery, but never chancellor.

C. of York and p. of ? till 1256, treasurer of York 1256–65 (*YMF*, i, p.25; ii, p.93). R. of Howden c.1241–65¹⁷ (*YAJ*, xxii, p.167), of Bonnington, Notts., ?–1265 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.79).

His preferments outside diocese of York, not easily distinguished from those of younger kinsman and namesake,¹⁸ included chancellorship of St Paul's, London, deanery of Wimborne and rectory of Maidstone (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London, 1066–1300*, pp.26, 35, 56, 80; *BCA*, ii, p.xvii).

¹² Though Basset is not mentioned in papal mandates of 29 March 1222 and 26 Feb.1225 requiring correction of abuses in the refectory of the Bedern, his subsequent pursuit of the matter strongly suggests his earlier involvement (*CPL*, i, p.100; *Reg. Gray*, p.175; *BCA*, ii, p.xxiii).

¹³ In the liberty of Durham. See also W. Brown, 'The Institution of the Prebendal Church at Howden', *YAJ*, xxii, pp.166–73.

¹⁴ See also C.A.F. Meekings, 'Six letters concerning the Eyres of 1226–8', *EHR*, lxvi, pp.492–504.

¹⁵ Leach adds a prebend in Wells (*BCA*, ii, p.xxvi).

¹⁶ In Leach's list William of York is followed by William de Cantilupe, whom he believed to have been provost 1244–7 (*BCA*, ii, pp.xxv–xxvi, cx). That this was not the case is shown by Meekings, *op.cit.*

¹⁷ Howden was constituted a collegiate church after Mansel's death.

¹⁸ See Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1217–18.

1265–74 Mag. JOHN CHISHULL. Apptd provost 7 Feb. 1265 by royal grant, the see being vacant following death of Arbp Ludham (*CPR* 1258–66, p.404). Vac. by 29 April 1274 on cons. as bp of London.

Wardrobe clk till 1254 (Tout, *Chapters*, i, pp.276–7). Chancellor of Exchequer in 1262–3; treasurer 1263–4. Chancellor of England 1265–8. Bp of London 1274–80 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2161).

Provostship only known preferment in North. In South cons. left vac. deanery of St Paul's, London, p. in Wells, rectory of Haversham, Bucks., and several lesser benefices (*ibid.*).

c.1274 Mag. GEOFFREY DE SANCTO MARCO (St Medard). In directive dated 3 April 1304 Arbp Corbridge asserted that Arbp Giffard (1266–79) had collated, in turn, Geoffrey de Sancto Marco and Peter of Chester to provostship (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.108). Geoffrey died at Viterbo before 12 May 1281 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.318), but Peter occurs as provost 1 May 1278 (see below).

C. of Southwell and p. of Rampton ?–1281 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.11). Archd of Richmond by May 1276, still 4 May 1278, vac. by 28 April 1279 (*YMF*, i, p.48). Custodian of ch. of Rowley, ER, 1268–9 (*Reg. Giffard*, pp.50, 114).

By 1278–
c.1295 PETER OF CHESTER (de Cestria). Provost by 1 May 1278 (*Hist. MSS Comm.*, 8th Report, i, p.270b). Vac. on death by 18 Feb. 1295 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.22–3).

Allegedly illegitimate son of John de Lacy, lord of Pontefract, later earl of Lincoln.¹⁹ Justice in eyre in 1262, 1270. Baron of exchequer from 1284. Features in York registers chiefly as moneylender to arbps (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.262, 333; *Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.155).

Granted dispensation to hold benefices to £100 in addition to Whalley, Lancs., 23 Dec. 1253 (*CPL*, i, p.293), subsequently acquiring rectory of Hutton Rudby, of Easington, ER, and of Slaidburn-by-Bowland. R. of Arksey from c.1276. Despite injunction to retain only Hutton Rudby (*ibid.*, p.549) died in possession of all four churches. Failed to secure p. of Bugthorpe in York 1288 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.371; *YMF*, ii, p.17).

Outside diocese retained till death prebends in Hereford and Lichfield, and rectory of Whalley (acquired as early as c.1235) (*CPR* 1292–1301, pp.118, 121, 123; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.371n.; *Fasti Parochiales*, i, pp.5–6).²⁰

1295–
1304 Aymo de Carto. Mandate to admit to provostship on papal provision 18 Feb. 1295 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.22–3). Vac. on deprivation c.8 May 1304 (*BCA*, i, pp.20–7).²¹

Bp of Geneva 1304–11.

P. OF ST MARTIN'S ALTAR 1290–1304 (see below, pp.48–9).

¹⁹ *BCA*, ii, pp.xxix–xxx, where it is suggested that he owed his name to his father being constable of Chester at the time of his birth. In 1291 he was described as a kinsman of Henry de Lacy, earl of Lincoln, who, if Leach is correct, was his grand-nephew (*CPL*, i, p.594).

²⁰ See also T.D. Whitaker, *The History of the Original Parish of Whalley* (1872), i, pp.77–81.

²¹ Archbishop Corbridge learnt of the provost's promotion whilst proceeding against him. Carto was nevertheless held to have been deprived, possibly with a view to ensuring the archbishop's right of collation (*BCA*, i, pp.15, 27).

- 1304–6 Mag. ROBERT DE ABBERWICK. Provost, coll. 3 June 1304 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.30; *BCA* ii, p.201). Vac. on death between 5 and 28 March 1306 (*BCA*, i, pp.113–17).
- Fellow of Merton Coll., Oxford, in 1284, vac. 1286 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.17). Official of Antony Bek, bp of Durham, in April 1300, still 1303 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.159; *Records of Antony Bek*, SS, 162, p.58).²²
- V. of Ponteland, Northumberland 1286–?. Perpet. v. of St Andrew's, Auckland, till 1293, when apptd dean of newly-constituted collegiate church, still Jan.1306 (*ibid.*, pp.35, 83; *BCA*, i, p.107; Emden, *loc.cit.*).
- 1306–8 WALTER REYNOLDS. Apptd provost 3 April 1306 by royal grant, see being vac. following death of Arbp Corbridge; adm. 13 April 1306 (*BCA*, i, pp.119, 120–1). Vac. by 13 Oct.1308 on cons. as bp of Worcester.²³
- Much favoured clk of Edward II, whose tutor he had been. Keeper of wardrobe till 1307. Treasurer of England 1307–10. Chancellor of England 1310–14. Bp of Worcester 1308–13. Arbp of Canterbury 1313–27.
- Master of St Leonard's Hospital, York, 1309–14 (*CPR 1307–13*, p.96; *1313–17*, p.80).
- C. of St Paul's London, and p. of Weldland ?–1308 (Le Neve, p.66). P. of Bangor ?–1308 (Le Neve, *Welsh Dioceses*, p.11). R. of Wimbledon, Surrey, and of Sawbridgeworth, Herts., from before 1307 (*CPR 1307–13*, p.96).
- 1308–17 WILLIAM DE MELTON. Provost, coll. 22 Oct.1308 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.199). Adm. c.20 Nov.1308 (*BCA*, i, pp.228–9). Vac. by 25 Sept.1317 on cons. as arbp of York.
- Arbp of York 1317–40.
- P. OF ST MICHAEL'S ALTAR 1309–17 (see below, pp.70–1).
- 1318–38 NICHOLAS DE HUGGATE. Provost, adm. 13 Jan.1318 by royal grant, see being vac. following death of Arbp Greenfield (*BCA*, i, pp.344–7). Vac. on death 24 June 1338 (*BCA*, ii, p.120).
- Clk in chancery by 1307. Keeper of Prince Edward's²⁴ wardrobe in 1317. Receiver for Aquitaine and Gascony from 1324.
- P. OF ST JAMES'S ALTAR 1316–38 (see below, pp.36–7).
- 1338–60 Mag. WILLIAM DE LA MARE. Provost, coll. 24 June 1338²⁵ (*Reg. Melton*,

²² Robert de Abberwick was almost certainly a near kinsman of the learned William de Abberwick, to whom, as provost, he gave the benefice of Siggleshorpe (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.171n.), and who held the prebend of St Katherine's Altar in Beverley c.1325–49 (see below, p.103). Both were fellows of Merton, and took their name from Abberwick in the parish of Edlingham, near Alnwick.

²³ The succession of Melton to the provostship was anticipated as early as 28 April (*BCA*, i, pp.226–8).

²⁴ Edward, earl of Chester, later Edward III.

²⁵ Four days later de la Mare also had collation of the late provost's prebend of St James's Altar in Beverley (*Reg. Melton*, f.118). No reference to him as a prebendary appears in the Act Book, and the bid clearly failed in the face of a papal provision of the prebend to Mag. Antony de Goldsborough (*BCA*, ii, pp.120–2; below, p.37). No other prebend was vacant at this time.

f.118). Vac. on exch. with Richard de Ravenser for r. of Waltham, Lincs., 4 Oct.1360 (Reg. Thoresby, f.46v.).

Born c.1302 (*CPL*, ii, p.216); died before 10 Nov.1360 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.84). Kinsman of Arbps Melton and Thoresby (*YAJ*, xxv, pp.250-1, 258n.).²⁶ Mag., Ox. (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.563). Household clk of Arbp Melton. Official of Arbp Thoresby from 1353 (Reg. Thoresby, f.3v.).

C. of York and p. of South Newbald 1325-9, of Wilton 1329-37, of Ulleskelf 1338-60. Treasurer of York 1328-31, though possession contested (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.13, 71, 84, 92). C. of Southwell and p. of ? from 1328 (Reg. Melton, f.93). P. of St Mary and the Holy Angels, York, 1322-7 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.218). R. of North Ferriby ?-1328 (Reg. Melton, f.93), of Wath-on-Dearne 1336-8 (*Fasti Parochiales*, ii, p.110), of Waltham 1360 (*CPR* 1358-61, p.460).

1360-
c.1368 RICHARD DE RAVENSER. Provost on exch. with William de la Mare for r. of Waltham, Lincs., 4 Oct.1360 (Reg. Thoresby, f.46v.). Vac. on res. by 20 Jan.1368 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.353).

Master in chancery 1362-86.

P. OF ST MARTIN'S ALTAR 1363-86 (see below p.50-1).

1368-73 ADAM DE LYMBERGH.²⁷ Provost by papal provision 20 Jan.1368 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.353, 394). Vac., possibly on death, by 20 April 1373, when John de Thoresby had coll. (Lunt, *op.cit.*, p.458).

Clk and counsellor of Mary de St Paul, countess of Pembroke, in 1351 (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxi).

R. of Adel, near Leeds, 1343-8 (*CPR* 1341-43, p.168).

C. of Lincoln and p. of Sexaginta Solidorum 1349, still 1368 (Le Neve, p.107).

Administration of provostry subject of complaint to king, who, in 1371, commissioned predecessor, Richard de Ravenser, to correct matters (*ERAS*, v, pp.36-37).

1373-81 Mag. JOHN DE THORESBY. Provost, coll. 20 April 1373 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.458). Vac. on death by 1 Feb.1381²⁸ (Le Neve, *NP*, p.54).

Nephew of Arbp Thoresby; his chancellor by 1370, still 1373²⁹ (*The Chartulary of Guisborough*, ii, SS, 89, p.406). BCL Ox. by 1353, DCL 1356 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1864-5).

C. of York and p. of Grindale 1367-81 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.54). C. of

²⁶ William and his brother, Mag. Thomas de la Mare (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.219 and n.; Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.562), originated, like Melton, from the parish of Welton, near North Ferriby. For the blood ties which linked the Meltons, Ferribys, Ravensers, de la Mares, Walthams and Thoresbys see L.H. Butler, 'Archbishop Melton, his Neighbours and his Kinsmen, 1317-40', *JEH*, 2 (1951), pp.54-68, and below, pp.51-3.

²⁷ Great Limber, near Grimsby, ten miles from Waltham, Ravenser's former rectory. The provost is to be distinguished from Adam de Lymbergh, keeper of the privy seal from 1328, and chancellor of Ireland from 1331, who died in 1339. Both in their time kept greater residence as prebendaries of Lincoln (K. Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals in the Middle Ages*, 1949, pp.347-51).

²⁸ Leach's date is a year early (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxiv). For notice of Thoresby's visitation of the provostry in 1377, revealing how this task was accomplished, see *ibid.*, pp.328-9.

²⁹ He was also the archbishop's executor in 1373 (*Test. Ebor.*, i, SS, 4, p.90).

Ripon and p. of Nunwick 1370–81 (*MR*, ii, pp.193–4). R. of Brantingham, in liberty of Howden, 1364–? (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.340).

C. of Lichfield and p. of Offley c.1358–70 (Le Neve, p.47). R. of Ashby, Norfolk, ?–1353, of Lilford, Northants., 1353–73 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1381–
1419 Mag. ROBERT MANFIELD. Provost from 1381³⁰ (Provost's Book, f.74; *BCA*, ii, pp.306–7). Vac. on death between 12 and 29 April 1419 (*North Country Wills*, ii, SS, 121, pp.20–5; Reg. Bowet, ii, ff.67v., 137).

Clk in chancery. Keeper of writs and rolls of Common Bench 1397–1410 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1214).

P. OF ST MICHAEL'S ALTAR ?1381–97; OF ST JAMES'S ALTAR 1397–1419 (see below, pp.38–9, 73).

- 1419–22 Mag. WILLIAM KYNWOLDMERSH (sen.) Provost, coll. 6 May 1419 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.67v.). Vac. on death by 18 Dec.1422 (*ibid.*, f.74).

Deputy treasurer of England 1417–21, treasurer 1421–2.

P. OF ST KATHERINE'S ALTAR 1418–19 (see below, p.106).

- 1422–7 Mag. ROBERT NEVILLE. Provost, coll. 18 Dec.1422 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.74). Vac. on cons. as bp of Salisbury 9 July 1427.

5th son of Ralph Neville, 1st earl of Westmorland. Bp of Salisbury 1427–38, of Durham 1438–57.

P. OF ST JAMES'S ALTAR 1419–27 (see below, p.39).

- 1427–51 ROBERT ROLLESTON. Provost, coll. 7 Dec.1427 (Reg. Kempe, f.6). Vac. on, or shortly before, death 12 Jan.1451 (*Test.Ebor.*, ii, p.138; Provost's Book, f.113v.).

Keeper of the Wardrobe 1418–c.1444.

P. OF ST KATHERINE'S ALTAR 1425–51 (see below, p.107–8).

- 1451–7 JOHN BARNINGHAM. Provost, coll. by 12 Jan.1451³¹ (Provost's Book, f.113v.; Reg. Kempe, f.71). Vac. on death between 29 March and 28 May 1457 (*Test.Ebor.*, ii, pp.203–7).

Clk of Arbp Kempe from latter's Rochester days. One of four vicars—general *conjunctim et divisim* of Arbp William Booth 1452–5 (Reg. W. Booth, ff.147, 157).

P. OF ST ANDREW'S ALTAR 1435–57 (see below, p.29).

- May–
Sept.1457 Mag. LAURENCE BOOTH. Provost, coll. 31 May 1457 (Reg. W. Booth, f.36v.). Vac. on cons. as bp of Durham 25 Sept.1457.

Half-brother of Arbp William Booth. Keeper of privy seal 1456–60.

³⁰ Manfield's appointment, itself warmly contested, came in a year of exceptional turmoil at Beverley, occasioned by Alexander Neville's notorious visitation of the church. The precise date of his succession is uncertain, but Simon Russell, who compiled his list in 1416/17, during Manfield's provostship, shows him following Thoresby (*BCA*, loc.cit.).

³¹ If, as stated by Leach, Barningham was collated on 10 Jan. (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxxix), Rolleston must have resigned the provostship on his deathbed. This is not unlikely, for he was one of the very few provosts to die in Beverley.

Chancellor of England 1473–4. Bp of Durham 1457–76. Arbp of York 1476–80.

P. OF ST STEPHEN'S ALTAR 1453–7³² (see below, p.94).

1458–65 Mag. JOHN BOOTH. Provost, coll. 12 Jan. 1458 (Reg. W. Booth, f.43). Vac. on cons. as bp of Exeter 7 July 1465.

Nephew of Arbps William and Laurence Booth. Secretary of Edward IV by 1462, still 1465. Chancellor of Camb. Univ. in 1463–4. Bp of Exeter 1465–78.

P. OF ST ANDREW'S ALTAR 1461–5 (see below, p.30–1).

July– Sept. 1465 Mag. HENRY WEBBER. Provost, coll. 5 July 1465 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.1). Vac. on res. Sept. 1465 (*ibid.*, f.2v.).

Vicar-general of George Neville, bp of Exeter 1456–65, and of his successor John Booth 1465–77.

P. OF ST ANDREW'S ALTAR 1465–77 (see below, p.31).

1465–7 Mag. PETER TASTAR (Testa, Tastaris). Provost, coll. 29 Sept. 1465 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.2v.). Vac. on death c. March 1467 (*ibid.*, f.5v.).

Judge of Court of Sovereignty of Guyenne 1447–9. King's clk engaged in diplomatic missions in France, Burgundy and Spain 1461–7.

P. OF ST MARTIN'S ALTAR Jan.–March 1467 (see below, p.55).

1467–93 Mag. WILLIAM POTEMAN. Provost, coll. 30 March 1467 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.5v.). Vac. on death between 8 Feb. and 27 March 1493 (*Test.Ebor.*, iv, pp.78, 119n.; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, CYS, lxix, p.101).

Fellow of All Souls, Ox., from 1447, warden 1459–66 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1506–7). Official of Arbps G. Neville and Rotherham (*ibid.*).

P. OF ST PETER'S ALTAR 1476–93 (see below, pp.86–7).

1493– 1503 Mag. HUGH TROTTER. Provost, coll. 27 March 1493 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.101). Vac. on death between 31 Aug. and 12 Sept. 1503 (*Test.Ebor.*, iv, pp.219–21; *Reg. Savage*, f.24).

Fellow of Queens', Camb. 1484–9. Clk of Arbps Rotherham and Savage, whose vicar general he was from 1501 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.595–6).

P. OF ST MICHAEL'S ALTAR 1493–1503 (see below, pp.75–6).

1503–26 Mag. THOMAS DALBY. Provost, coll. 12 Sept. 1503 (*Reg. Savage*, f.24). Vac. on death 29 Jan. 1526 (Epitaph in York Minster, described in F. Drake, *Eboracum*, pp.502–3³³).

Treasurer of Arbp Savage. Archd. of Richmond 1506–26. Chaplain

³² For the possibility that Booth transferred to St Martin's Prebend see below, p.94n.

³³ Where the year 1525 is meant to read 1525/6. Though dated Feb. 1525/6, a list of East Riding clergy shows Dalby still holding his Beverley preferments (*Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001). Doubtless it was compiled from information collected in the previous year.

and counsellor of Henry VII and Henry VIII (Drake, *op.cit.*, pp.448, 488, 502–3).

P. OF ST JAMES'S ALTAR ?–1526 (see below, p.44).

- 1526–43 THOMAS WINTER. Provost by 26 March 1526 (Richard Fiddes, *Life of Cardinal Wolsey*, Part II, *Collections*, 1724, p.227).³⁴ Vac. on res. by 8 June 1543, when Reginald Lee succeeded (Reg. Lee, f.74).

Natural son of Cardinal Wolsey by Mistress Larke, sister of Mag. Thomas Larke, p. of St James's Altar (see below, p.44).

P. OF ST PETER'S ALTAR by 1526–before 1535 (see below, p.88).

- 1543–8 REGINALD LEE. Last provost, coll. 8 June 1543 (Reg. Lee, f.74). Vac. by June 1548 on dissolution of collegiate church and abolition of provostry (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, SS, 92, p.524).

Kinsman of Arbp Lee. Described 1548 as 'temporall man, of the age xxii yeres or thereabouts'³⁵ (*ibid.*). Awarded pension of £50 on resigning provostship (*BCA*, ii, p.xcix).

C. of Southwell and p. of Rampton ?–1548 (*CPR* 1553, p.61).

³⁴ On this date Winter was awarded a coat of arms by Garter King of Arms, the grant of which listed the provostship among his preferments. The information was given to Fiddes by a subsequent king of arms, John Anstis. See also *BCA*, ii, p.xcv; A.F. Pollard, *Wolsey*, 1965 edn., p.309n.

³⁵ He may well have been the Reginald Lee who was at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, at Michaelmas 1547 (Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, pt 1, iii, p.48).

CANONS BEFORE c.1260 TO WHOM NO PREBEND CAN BE ASSIGNED

These canons are listed in order of their first known appearance. Dates on the left give the period during which they are definitely known to have held canonries, and therefore represent the minimum length of tenure. References given in capitals (A–P) refer to charters listed on pp.17–20.

- Before 1100 RICHARD DE MATON. C. of Beverley when granted p. of Holme in York, with the revenues of the church of Hexham as endowment, by Arbp Thomas I (1070–1100). (*The Priory of Hexham*, i, p.50).¹
- When, in 1113, Hexham was once more given over to the regular life Thomas II compensated Maton for the loss of its fruits by making him a residentiary of York² (*ibid.*, p.54). The only named canon from the eleventh century, his tenure after preferment is uncertain.³
- 1135–69 AILWARD. C. of Beverley in period 1130–5 (*HCY*, iii, p.65), and subsequently in periods 1137–40 (*EYC*, i, no.150), 1145–53 (*EYC*, xi, no.9), 1148–51 (C), 1151–3 (D), 1151–c.1166 (E), 1154–60 (*EYC*, iii, no.1825). Final appearance 29 June 1169 (I).
- 1143–51 ROGER. As c. of Beverley witnessed charters in periods c.1135–43 (A) and 1151–3 (D).
- 1143–69 SIMON. As c. of Beverley witnessed charters in periods c.1135–43 (A), 1143–7 (B), 1148–51 (C), 1151–3 (D), 1151–c.1166 (E), 1162–4 (F), 1162–6 (G), 1164–74 (H). Still c.29 June 1169 (I).
- Features only in local charters, one of which relates to a grant of land at Hawold, nr Huggate, previously held by him of the provostry, to his nephew, Ralph de Hanton (F).
- 1143–51 RALPH. As c. of Beverley witnessed charters in periods c.1135–43 (A), 1143–7 (B), 1148–51 (C), 1148–53 (*EYC*, xi, no.101), 1151–3 (D).
- 1151–62 WILLIAM MORIN. In his full name witnessed as c. of Beverley charter of period 1151–3 (D), but is almost certainly William who, with several of same co-witnesses, witnessed another in period 1148–51 (C). May have been William *capellanus* who, with Nicholas *capellanus* (see below), witnessed William Roumare's grant of manor of Bentley to the church of Beverley in earlier part of William Fitzherbert's primacy 1143–7

¹ See also D. Nicholl, *Thurstan, Archbishop of York (1114–1140)*, 1964, p.47.

² i.e. he now received, with the consent of the residentiaries of York, a share in the common fund.

³ The foundation of the provostry, with a provost charged with oversight of the church's temporal assets, took place (1092) in the very decade of Maton's absence. According to Simon Russell's account (*BCA*, ii, pp.332–4), based almost certainly on a much earlier document, the move was prompted by frequent quarrels between resident and non-resident canons arising from the burden of administration of endowments. It may be that Maton was thus enabled, under the new order, to retain his Beverley interest. Certainly even the primitive provisions of the so-called Ordinance of the Refectory anticipated a measure of absenteeism (*ibid.*, pp.249–52).

(BCA, ii, p.330). Subsequently witnessed local charters in periods 1151–c.1166 (E), 1162–4 (F), 1162–6 (G).

By 1151 NICHOLAS. As c. of Beverley witnessed charter of period 1148–51 (C), but may be Nicholas *capellanus* who, with William *capellanus* (William Morin, above), witnessed William Roumare's charter in favour of church of Beverley in period 1143–7 (BCA, ii, p.330).

1151–
?1195 PHILIP MORIN. As c. of Beverley witnessed charters in periods 1148–51 (C), 1164–74 (H), c.1164–83 (EYC, ix, p.99) when first in his full name, 1177 (BL Harlequin MS 44 I 3), 1177–81 (J), 1177–1201 (K). Possibly Philip who, as c. of Beverley and r. of Brantingham in Durham liberty of Howden, witnessed charter of Hugh du Puiset, bp of Durham, March 1195 (*Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, SS, 9, p.295). Relationship to William Morin, if any, not known.

1159–
c.1181 Mag. OSBERT ARUNDEL. Between 1154 and 1159 witnessed, as c. of Beverley Arbp Roger de Pont l'Eveque's confirmation of gift of vill of Hoveton to Rievaulx Abbey (EYC, ix, no.127), also Roger's grant relating to land in Northumberland (EYC, i, no.37). Witnessed further charters in periods 1151–c.1166 (E), 1162–4 (F), 1170–7 (BL Stowe MS 448), 29 June 1169 (I), also decision of papal judge delegates in case concerning Guisborough Priory, heard at Oxford, in period 1174 (*Chartulary of Guisborough*, i, SS, 86, p.83). Last occurs as c. of Beverley c.1181 (*Chartulary of Rievaulx*, i, pp.167, 169).

Possibly an early graduate of Oxford (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.51). Osbert was one of the Arundels who held a knight's fee of the Percys in the wapentakes of Dickering, Harthill and Whitby Strand from the first half of the twelfth century (EYC, ii, no.969; xi, pp.196–202). Though nowhere described as an arbp's clk, his widespread appearances suggest an active servant of William Fitzherbert and Roger de Pont l'Eveque.⁴

1164–77 PETER DE CARCASSONNE. Occurs as c. of Beverley in periods 1162–4 (F), 1162–6 (G), on 29 June 1169 (I), 1177–81 (J).

Described as clk of Arbp Roger, but not as c., 1160 (*Reg. Gray*, p.275n.), and several references show him acting as such in period 1154–9 (*Chartulary of Rievaulx*, i, p.84; EYC, i, no.35; ix, no.127).

1181–99 Mag. MILES (Milo). As c. of Beverley witnessed charters, mostly of Arbp Roger, in periods 1177–81 (J), 1177–1201 (K), 1191–4, as Mag. Milone de Beverlac, (YMF, i, p.83), c.1197 (L), c.1199 (*Chartulary of Guisborough*, ii, p.148). One of commissioners apptd by Innocent III (1198–1214) to judge dispute between canons and Templars of Bridling-

⁴ With the appearance of Osbert Arundel as a canon it is possible to detect the beginning of a change in the character of the chapter, notably in the outlook and activity of its members. Whereas his predecessors convey an impression of corporateness and prolonged residence in their witnessing of exclusively local charters, and of aloofness from the wider affairs of the diocese, Arundel's appointment and subsequent collations of Archbishop Roger de Pont l'Eveque (1154–1181) introduced canons whose occupations and interests were clearly incompatible with any notion of communal living. Evidence, mainly circumstantial, is not lacking to suggest that this departure was facilitated by the introduction in this period of a prebendal system, hitherto inhibited by the unusual nature of the church's endowments (see above, pp.xix–xx).

ton and William Testard, archd. of Nottingham (*Chartulary of Bridlington Priory*, ed. W.T. Lancaster, 1912, p.323).

Arbp's clk, probably both before and after preferment at Beverley.

By c.1197 Mag. EMERIC (Heimericus⁵). As c. of Beverley witnessed Arbp Geoffrey Plantagenet's confirmation of William de Roumare's gift of church of Conisbrough to Lewes Priory c.1197 (L), and three local charters of period 1197–1205 (M, BL Lansdowne MSS 406, 408).

Before 1201 ROBERT. Occurs as c. of Beverley in period 1177–1201 (K).

1214–c.1217 Mag. ROGER MARMION. Occurs as c. of Beverley in periods 1198–1214 (*Chartulary of Bridlington Priory*, p.323), 1205–c.1230 (EYC, iii, nos.1322, 1860n.), c.1217 (N). May be Roger, c. of Beverley, who witnessed charters of period c.1197–1205 (M, BL Lansdowne MSS 406, 408).

Probably a Marmion of Tamworth, or possibly of Winteringham, Lincs.,⁶ like his namesake who was p. of Langtoft in York from 1296 (YMF, ii, pp.48–9).

1217–20 Mag. RALPH DE DEI BONE. C. of Beverley by 1217 (BL Lansdowne MS 546). Witnessed at least two local charters in and about 1220 (N, O).

By c.1218 Mag. SERLO. As c. of Beverley witnessed Arbp Gray's charter separating treasurership of York from archdeaconry of ER c.1218 (*Reg. Gray*, p.133).

Possibly Serlo de Sunning, arbp's clk in 1216 (*ibid.*, p.38n.) and/or Serlo, c. of York by 1220 and archd. of Cleveland by 1230, still 1238 (YMF, i, p.39).

1220–c.1234 RICHARD DE VESCY. C. of Beverley by 4 April 1220 (O). Witnessed subsequent charters in periods 1230–42 (BL Lansdowne MS 195), c.1234–42 (P).

R. of Chatton, Northumberland, and son of Eustace de Vescy, lord of Alnwick (*Reg. Gray*, p.327). *Cum mercatoribus Romanis graviter esset obligatus*, granted licence to sell rents for ensuing autumn, Jan.1228 (*ibid.*, p.20).

c.1220 (possibly by 1217–c.1234) Mag. ROGER DE MELSONBY. Described as c. of Beverley c.1220 (*Historiae Dunelmensis Scriptores Tres*, SS, 9, p.xxxvii).

As vice-archd. of Richmond witnessed three charters relating to Marrick Priory c.1191–1203 (EYC, v, p.viii, nos.275, 277, 278).

Almost certainly same as Mag. Roger de Richmond, described as official of archd. of Richmond c.1196 (*ibid.*, no.317), and c. of Beverley by 1217

⁵ 'Hennerico' in *Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.49.

⁶ His coming to the York diocese clearly preceded the first Marmion at West Tanfield by several years: not until 1215/16 did Robert Marmion, younger half-brother of the 4th Lord Marmion of Tamworth, marry Avise, heiress of the manor of Tanfield (H.B. McCall, *Richmondshire Churches*, 1910, p.201).

(BL Lansdowne MS 546), and who held p. of St Mary's Altar till c.1234 (see below, pp.59–60).⁷

- 1227–36 Mag. WILLIAM DE WISBECH. C. of Beverley by April 1227 (*Reg. Gray*, p.158). As c. witnessed Arbp Gray's charter annexing ch. of Preston-in-Holderness to subdeanery of York 9 Nov.1228 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.205), and local charters in periods c.1230–42 (BL Lansdowne MS 195), c.1234–42 (P). Still c.Feb.1236 (*Reg. Gray*, p.72n.).

R. of Skipsea, ER, from 1228 (*ibid.*, p.23).

Appears as witness among clks of Arbp Gray (but not as c.) in 1223 (*ibid.*, p.148), finally 1236 (*ibid.*, p.72n.). Contemporary, and possibly relative, of Mag. Walter de Wisbech, archd. of ER 1218–27 (*YMF*, i, p.41).

- c.1228–49 GEOFFREY DE BOCLAND. C. of Beverley by c.1228 (*Reg. Gray*, p.228n.), still 1249 (*ibid.*, pp.259–60).

Household clk of Arbp Gray c.1216 till 1248, when granted release from all accounts and debts (*ibid.*, pp.38n., 221–2, 229, 260). Arbp's justice at Hexham 1230, still 1237 (*ibid.*, pp.235, 248–9).

C. of Ripon and p. of Stanwick ?–c.1226 (*MR*, i, pp.101–2, 249–50; ii, p.245).

R. of Lund, ER, in 1230 (*ibid.*, p.33).

Not to be confused (as in *Reg. Gray*, pp.33n., 297) with Geoffrey de Bocland, clk of Hubert Walter, arbp of Canterbury, judge at end of twelfth century, and archd. of Norfolk by 1204 (Le Neve—Hardy, ii, p.482; C.R. Cheney, *Hubert Walter*, 1967, p.170).

- In 1230 JOHN DE RICHBURGH.⁸ C. of Beverley in 1230 (*Reg. Gray*, p.32n. citing *Liber Statutorum apud Ebor.*, f.22v.).

R. of Weaverthorpe, ER, from 1230 (*ibid.*), vac. by 1239 (*ibid.*, p.85).

- By 1248 PETER DE FICHELDEN.⁹ C. of Beverley by 1248 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.259, 290).

Domestic chaplain and clk of Arbp Gray by 1239 (*ibid.*, pp.68n., 73n., 85, 88, 92, 198, 253; *Reg. Wickwane*, p.79), his treasurer by 1251 (*Reg. Gray*, p.266n.).

C. of Ripon from c.1234 (*MR*, iv, p.85), still 1249 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.88n., 260; *Reg. Wickwane*, p.79). V. of Wakefield from 1242 (*Reg. Gray*, p.92). Succentor of York in 1254 (*ibid.*, pp.139n., 272n., 291).

- By 1253 Mag. ROGER DE SKEFFLING¹⁰ OR HOLDERNESS. C. of Beverley by 1253 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.117, 291).

⁷ Melsonby is five miles north of Richmond, in the honour of Richmond. That both places should produce a Mag. Roger following identical careers in the same period in widely separated areas of the diocese is surely more than a coincidence. This belief is reinforced by the knowledge that a Mag. Adam de Melsonby and a Mag. Adam de Richmond feature as canons of Ripon in the period 1228–35 (*MR*, iv, pp.86, 88, 89, 94, 95, 98; 43, 69, 70). See also, below, p.59n.

⁸ Presumably Richborough on the Kentish coast, between Sandwich and Ramsgate.

⁹ Figheldean, north of Amesbury, in Wiltshire.

¹⁰ Skeffling is five miles SE of Patrington, on the approach to Spurn.

Described by Matthew Paris as clk of St Albans when apptd dean of York 1258, *vir peritus et graciosus* (M. Paris, *Chronica Majora*, RS, v, pp.516, 725).

C. of York in 1256 (*CPL*, i, p.328), dean 1258–?1261 (*YMF*, i, p.7). R. of Brantingham in liberty of Howden, ER, from 1260 (*Reg. Gray*, p.78n.).

As mag. of Oxford ‘one of the Northern parties to the terms of peace between Northern and Irish scholars 1252’ (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.948).

?–1252 Mag. RICHARD DE ST MILDRED. C. of Beverley till 1252, when Thomas de Thirkleby coll. to his unidentified p. (*Reg. Gray*, p.267).

1252–? THOMAS DE THIRKLEBY.¹¹ C. of Beverley from 1252, on coll. to p. of Mag. Richard de St Mildred (*Reg. Gray*, p.267).

R. of Lowthorpe, ER, from 1227 (*ibid.*, p.14).

In 1258 JOHN called ‘GRIFO’. C. of Beverley in July 1258, when as papal chaplain and subdeacon recd licence to hold extra benefices (*CPL*, i, p.358).

¹¹ His possession of the ch of Lowthorpe in the deanery of Dickering almost certainly identifies him with the family of Thirkleby which held lands in that parish and in nearby Kilham (*VCH, ER*, ii, pp.254–5, 278). See also *Fasti Parochiales*, iii, p.55.

SOME CHARTERS RELATING TO EARLY CANONS

c.1135–43 Confirmation by Thurstan, provost, and the chapter of Beverley of their church’s grant of thraves in the parishes of Bridlington and Hunmanby to the canons of Bridlington.

A ... Inde sunt testes, Willelmus decanus Eboracensis, Simon et Radulfus et Rogerus canonici Beverlaci, Aluredus sacrista, etc. (*Chartulary of Bridlington Priory*, pp.69, 74; *EYC*, i, no.104).

William de Sainte-Barbe became dean of York c.1135 and was consecrated bishop of Durham on 20 June 1143.¹ Thurstan first appears as provost in 1142, but the year of his appointment is too uncertain to assist in the dating of this charter.²

1143–7 Grant by William Fitzherbert, archbishop of York, of free burgage to the town and burgesses of Beverley.

B His testibus ... Turstino preposito ... Simone canonico, Radulfo canonico, magistro Alfrido sacrista etc.

(*Beverley Town Documents*, ed. A.F. Leach, 1900, p.7; *EYC*, i, no.105). Provost Thurstan died during the primacy of Arbp Murdac, who replaced William Fitzherbert in Dec.1147. This charter must therefore belong to the latter’s earlier period as archbishop (26 Sept.1143–Dec.1147).

1148–51 Confirmation by Henry Murdac, archbishop of York, of the gift of land of William de Roumare, earl of Lincoln, and William, his son, to the canons of Warter Priory for the purpose of building their house.

¹ *YAJ*, xxxiv, pp.364–5.

² See above, p.4.

- C Huius confirmationis nostre testes sunt: ... et canonici Beverlacenses Aelwardus, Radulfus, Simon, Nicholas, Willelmus, Philippus et Aluredus sacrista. (*EYC*, x, no.67).
Murdac was consecrated at Treves on 7 Dec.1147, returning to the diocese in the following year. William de Roumare junior died in 1151.³
- 1151-3 Notification by Henry Murdac, archbishop of York, witnessing to William Fossard I's confirmation of charters in favour of the nuns of Watton, and his own confirmation of the same.
- D Huius rei testes sunt: Adam abbas de Mealsa, Willelmus cantor Eboracensis, Robertus archidiaconus, et canonici de Beverlaco Ailwardus, Radulfus, Simon, Rogerus, Willelmus Morin, et Aluredus sacrista, etc. (BL Stowe MS 502; *EYC*, ii, no.1108).
The Cistercian community at Meaux, with Adam as abbot, effectively came into being on 1 Jan.1151.⁴ Arbp Murdac died on 14 Oct.1153.
- 1151-
c.1166 Gift by Alexander de Sancton of land in Sancton to Watton priory.
- E Huius donationis mee testes sunt capitulum sancti Johannis de Beverlaco canonici Osbertus Arundel, Symon, Ailwardus, Willelmus Morin, Robertus sacrista, etc. (BL Add MS 21134; *EYC*, xii, no.54).
Alfred, presumably Robert's predecessor, was still sacrist in 1151.⁵ William Morin, hitherto a frequent witness of charters, ceases to appear c.1166.
- 1162-4 Grant by Provost Geoffrey to Ralph de Hanton, nephew of Canon Simon, with the consent of Archbishop Roger, of lands of St John formerly held by Simon in fee, and on the same terms.
- F Hiis testibus Osberto, Simone, Willelmo Moryn, Petro (Provost's Book, f.72v.; *BCA*, ii, p.328).
Geoffrey became provost no earlier than 1162, and was drowned at sea in 1177. This charter, however, probably followed closely on another relating to Canon Simon's interest in Hawold which cannot be later than 1162.⁶
- ?1162-6 Grant to the church of St John of Beverley of lands in Holme-on-the-Wolds.
- G Witnessed by: Canonici de Beverlaco Simon, Petrus, Willelmus, Robertus sacrista, Sequinus, Willelmus, Gilbertus, Benedictus sacerdotes.
(BL Lansdowne MS 400).
In dating this charter canons William and Peter are identified as William Morin and Peter de Carcassonne. The former had ceased to feature in charters by 1166, whilst the latter, a clerk of Archbishop Roger, is not

³ *Complete Peerage*, vii, p.670.

⁴ *VCH, Yorkshire*, iii, p.146.

⁵ See below, p.113.

⁶ *EYC*, i, no.158. John the treasurer (John of Canterbury, alias John Bellesmains), the second witness of this charter, was consecrated bishop of Poitiers on 23 Sept.1162 (*YAJ*, xxxv, pp.11-24).

described as a canon before 1162. Canon Simon and Robert the sacrist were contemporaries of both.⁷

- 1164–74 Notification by Roger, archbishop of York and papal legate, of the restoration of lands to the demesne of the prebend of Langtoft in York Minster.

H ... Testes autem redditionis predictarum terrarum hii sunt: Gaufridus prepositus Beverlaci, Jeremias canonicus Eboracensis, Symon, Philippus canonici Beverlaci, etc.
(*EYC*, i, no.161).

Roger de Pont l'Eveque became papal legate in 1164. Jeremy's appointment as archdeacon of Cleveland was no later than 1174, and may have been as early as 1170.⁸

- 1169 Charter of Archbishop Roger granting tithes of his assart of Bymanescoug to the sisters of Killingwoldgraves Hospital. Dated 29 June 1169.

I ... Hiis testibus, Gaufrido preposito Beverlac', Simone, Osberto Arundel, Petro de Carcalsona, Aylwardo, canonicis Beverlac', etc.
(*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, pp.57–8; *EYC*, i, p.170).

- 1177–81 Grant by Roger, archbishop of York and papal legate, to the prebend of Newbald in York Minster.

J ... Hiis testibus Roberto decano Eboracensi, Hamone cantore, Radulfo archidiacono, Johanne archidiacono, Jeremia archidiacono, Roberto preposito Beverlaci ... magistro Milone, Philippo, Petro de Carcasona canonico Beverlaci etc.
(*EYC*, i, no.160).

Robert succeeded Geoffrey as provost in 1177. Archbishop Roger died on 26 Nov.1181.

- c.1177–1201 Grant by Isaac de Skirlington to Newburgh Priory of an annual rent of 5s. in respect of his tenement in Skirlington.

K ... Hiis testibus, Roberto preposito de Beverlaco, magistro Milone, Philippo, Roberto canonicis de Beverlaco, magistro Angoto, etc.
(*Chartulary of Bridlington*, p.318; *EYC*, iii, no.1408).

Robert was provost by 1181, having probably succeeded Provost Geoffrey who died in 1177. He himself died in 1201. Angot was *magister scholarum* of Beverley in 1178, and presumably witnessed the present charter in this capacity. He was rector of Kirk Ella before the death of Archbishop Roger in 1181.⁹

- c.1197 Confirmation by Archbishop Geoffrey Plantagenet of the grant by William de Warenne of the church of Conisbrough to the priory of Lewes.

⁷ Simon, Peter and William could conceivably signify Simon of Evesham, Peter de Fichelden and William Scott, justifying the British Library description of this document as 'early thirteenth century'. Fichelden, however, is not known to have been a canon as early as 1242, the year of William Scott's death, nor is there evidence supporting a Robert as sacrist in this later period. Moreover, the four priests, who witness as a group, and are otherwise unknown, can scarcely be found a place in the fairly comprehensive sequence of thirteenth-century vicars.

⁸ *YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.412–13.

⁹ See below, pp.118–19.

- L ... Hiis testibus Petro de Dinant archidiacono Ebor., magistris Hennerico (*sic*)¹⁰ et Millone canonicis Beverlacensibus, etc.
(*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.49).
This same grant was confirmed by Pope Celestine III on 25 April 1197. Peter de Dinan's successor in the archdeaconry of York had collation in 1198.¹¹
- 1197–
1205 Three grants of properties in Middleton-on-the-Wolds to the altar of St John of Beverley.
- M
- 1 Hiis testibus, magistro Milone, magistro Haymerico, Rogero, canonicis ecclesie Sancti Johannis; Alexandro, Roberto, Willelmo, Roberto, capellanis, etc. (BL Lansdowne MS 406; *EYC*, ii, no.1102).
 - 2 Hiis testibus, Philippo, magistro Milone, magistro Haimérico, canonicis Beverlacensibus; Alexandro, Roberto, Matheo, capellanis Beverlacensibus; magistro Stephano sacrista, etc. (BL Lansdowne MS 407; *EYC*, ii, no.1103).
 - 3 Hiis testibus, Philippo, magistro Milone, magistro Haiemerico, canonicis Beverlacensibus; Alexandro, Roberto, R., Matheo, capellanis Beverlacensibus, etc. (BL Lansdowne MS 408; *EYC*, ii, no.1104).
- These charters may be loosely dated to within five years of the turn of the century—a period which saw the last appearance of Philip Morin (a canon by 1151), and, almost certainly, the first notice of Roger Marmion as a canon.
- c.1217 The following canons witnessed a grant of property in Garton to the church of Beverley:
- N Dominus Ralph de Deibone, mag. Roger de Richmond, mag. Roger Marmion (BL Lansdowne MS 395).
- 1220 Ratification by the chapter of St John of Beverley of a grant by Richard Caretarius to the prior and convent of Watton of properties held by him of the church of Beverley in the vill and territory of Hessle. Dated 4 April 1220.
- O Witnesses: Magistri Roger de Richmond, Ralph de Dei Bone, Richard de Vescy, Richard de Cornubia, canons of Beverley, etc.
(*YD*, ix, no.256).
- 1232–42 The following canons and vicars witnessed a local charter in favour of the church of St John of Beverley:
- P Richard de Vescy, magistri William Scott, Simon de Evesham, William de Wisbech, dominus Geoffrey de Bocland, canons of Beverley; Robert Russell, Ingelramus, Thomas Hosbern, John medicus, vicars (BL Lansdowne MS 194).
On present evidence these canons cannot be assembled earlier than 1232. William Scott died in 1242.

¹⁰ i.e. Emeric (Heimerico, Haymerico).

¹¹ *YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.425–6.

THE PREBENDARIES

The Prebend of St Andrew's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St Andrew's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d. ²
Thraves	Major renders	£ 32 13s. 4d. ³	
	Pensions	£ 2 11s. 3d.	£ 35 4s. 7d.
Tithes	Tickton and Hull Bridge	£ 4 6s. 8d.	
	Lesser tithes	£ 17s. 5d.	£ 5 4s. 1d.
Rents	North Burton	£ 2 0s. 0d.	
	Tickton	£ 1 7s. 2d.	£ 3 7s. 2d.
	Gross value	£ 51 9s. 10d.	
	Less pension to St Michael's prebend	£ 2 13s. 4d.	
	VALUE CLEAR	£ 48 16s. 6d. ⁴	

¹ *Valor*, v, p.131.

² Both the cash and corn elements of the corrody had diminished since the Act Book period when together they amounted to about £13. The sum for corn in the *Valor* represented 52 quarters of oats at the notional price of 1s. 4d. per quarter. Oats at this price was also the unchanging basis of thrave renders and pensions (lesser renders, usually from more distant parishes, probably commuted to cash payments from the outset). W. Farrer suggested that 1s. 4d. represented the Danish ore, recalling the origin of thraves as a levy providing provender for the horses of the army of the Danelaw (*EYC*, i, pp.95–6). It may have derived, however, from the price of oats prevailing when prebends were created in the late twelfth century.

³ St Andrew's thraves were derived from the parishes of Driffeld £6 13s. 4d., Kirkburn £6 13s. 4d., Cottingham £6 13s. 4d., Warter £2 13s. 4d., *Lucall* (?Hull) ?£2 0s. 0d., ?Hutton Cranswick £2 13s. 4d., Kirk Ella £2 13s. 4d., Kirby Underdale £1 6s. 8d., Nunburnholme £1 6s. 8d. Pensions were contributed by North Burton (Burton Fleming) 6s. 8d., Foston-on-the-Wolds 6s. 8d., Nafferton 6s. 8d., Settrington 5s. 4d., Rillington 4s. 4d., Sherburn 4s. 0d., Yedingham 2s. 0d., Skidby 6s. 8d. (*BCA*, ii, p.18) and Thwing, Garton-on-the-Wolds, Winttringham, Birdsall and Thorpe Bassett which together added 8s. 11d. West Heslerton probably paid thraves to this prebend.

⁴ The *Valor* incorrectly gives the gross value as £51 9s. 5d., leading to a clear value of £48 16s. 1d.

Prebendaries of St Andrew's Altar

By 1242–1279 Mag. JOHN LE GRAS. P. of St Andrew's Altar in 1242¹ (*BCA*, ii, p.24).
 Vac. on death before 11 Nov.1279, when Mag. Walter of Gloucester had coll. (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.12).

¹ When Archbishop Gray (*BCA*, in error, has Giffard) disseized John le Gras, canon of Beverley, of common turbary, *post primam transfretationem Domini Henrici Regis patris nostri in Vasconiam*. Though Henry reached Bordeaux in 1230, the reference is almost certainly to his second expedition to Gascony 1242–3 when Gray was regent in his absence. Le Gras's loss was probably the result of an action against the chapter in general (*BCA*, ii, p.23).

Of family of le Gras, lords of Studley from mid-thirteenth century.²

C. of York and p. of Bugthorpe by 1266–1279 (*Reg. Gray*, p.108n.; *Reg. Giffard*, pp.134, 257; *Reg. Wickwane*, p.2). R. of moiety of Linton-in-Craven from 1250 (*Reg. Gray*, p.108).

In period 1272–9 founded chantry in chapel of St James, Hull Bridge, attached to St Andrew's prebend (YD, ix, pp.11–12; *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, pp.536–7). Assumed by Emden to be John le Gras, DCn and CL, who, in 1269, supported Oxford Franciscans in their dispute with Dominicans concerning evangelical poverty (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1127; see also YMF, ii, pp.16–17).

1279–
1310 Mag. WALTER OF GLOUCESTER. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 11 Nov.1279 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.12; *BCA*, ii, p.137). Vac. on death 27 Dec.1310 (*ibid.*, i, p.268).

Chaplain of Arbp Wickwane from 1279, his receiver/treasurer 1280–3, one of his executors 1285 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.17, 257, 320–6; *Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.163).

C. of York and p. of Apesthorpe 1283, archd. of York 1283–8 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.332; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.80).

Pres. to ch. of Normanton-on-Soar, Notts., 1275, but possession unlikely (*Reg. Giffard*, p.262; *Reg. Wickwane*, pp.82, 276). See also YMF, i, p.37; ii, p.5.

Abroad 1283, having recd letters of protection for 2 years, possibly assisting in arbp's case at *Curia* against prior and convent of Durham (CPR 1283–92, p.86). Appears to have taken up permanent residence at Beverley on res. of archdeaconry³ (*BCA*, i, *passim*). Blind and infirm by 1309 (*ibid.*, p.241). Died at Sutton-on-Trent, Notts., where his brother, Henry, chief beneficiary from his will (*ibid.*, pp.271–3) had been r. 1282–1304 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.81–2; *Reg. Corbridge*, i, pp.271–2).⁴

1310–16 JOHN DE SANDAL. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 28 Dec.1310 (*BCA*, i, pp.269–70).⁵ Adm. 5 Jan.1311 (*ibid.*, pp.268–9). Vac. on cons. as bp of Winchester 31 Oct.1316.

Treasury clk. Treasurer and king's chamberlain for Scotland 1305–6. Chancellor of exchequer 1307. Treasurer of England 1310–11, 1312–14,

² An affinity of le Gras with Gray of Rotherfield, and hence with Archbishop Gray, is probable but nowhere explicit. In 1232 the latter granted custody of the heir and lands of John le Aleman of Studley to Sir Robert de Gray, his brother (*Reg. Gray*, p.241). Isabel le Aleman, heiress of Studley, subsequently married John le Gras, who thereby acquired the advowson of a moiety of the church of Linton-in-Craven. This he granted, in 1250, to his namesake, Mag. John le Gras (*ibid.*, p.108). Sir Robert de Gray, followed by his son, Walter, held the advowson of the other moiety (*Fasti Parochiales*, iv, p.86).

³ His task as an executor of William Wickwane is unlikely to have endeared him to Archbishop le Romeyn, a substantial debtor to the estate (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.162–3).

⁴ Another Walter of Gloucester, baron of the exchequer in May 1311, the year of his death, was successively escheator north and south of the Trent (CPR 1307–13, pp.348, 384–5), and another Henry of Gloucester was r. of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, in the same locality, from 1317 (*Reg. Greenfield*, v, p.277).

⁵ At the request of the king and queen he had been provided to a canonry earlier in 1310 to await the next vacant prebend.

1318–19. Lord Chancellor 1314–18. Bp of Winchester 1316–19. See introduction of *Reg. Sandale* (Hampshire Record Soc., 1897), *passim*.

C. of York and p. of Givendale 1313–14, of Riccall 1314–16 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.52, 75). R. of Lockington 1303, vac. by 1308 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.174n.; *Reg. Greenfield*, ii, p.133), of Misterton, Notts., 1309 (*CPR* 1307–1313, p.111), of Stillingfleet 1312–16 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.66; v, p.262), of Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Notts., ?–1316 (*ibid.*, i, p.43n.; v, p.27).

Elsewhere he held at time of cons. the treasureship of Lichfield (Le Neve, p.11), prebends in Howden (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, pp.43–4), Lincoln (Le Neve, p.57), St Paul's, London (Le Neve, p.51), and possibly in Wells (Le Neve, pp.34, 40, 77), and rectories of Simonburn, Northumberland, and possibly of Dunbar (*CPL*, ii, pp.88, 120; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.43n.; iii, pp.201–2; iv, p.232n.).

Though deriving his name from Kirk Sandall, nr Doncaster, his roots may have been in Wheatley, some 2 miles to SW, where, until within four years of death, he held the manor of Peter de Mauley, lord of Mulgrave, who, as patron, presented him to Lockington, nr Beverley (*Calendar of Inquisitions*, vi, p.130; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.43n.; iv, p.97). His intrusion into rich preferment, usually with royal support, but often unsuccessful or inconclusive, suggests more than usual opportunism.⁶ Lack of record to the contrary and a dilapidated prebendal house point to his perpetual absence from Beverley (*BCA*, i, p.353).

1318–22 ROGER DE NORTHBURGH. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 4 Jan. 1318, following royal grant, the prebend having been in the king's hands by reason of the recent vacancy in the see⁷ (*BCA*, i, p.347). Adm. in person 15 Oct. 1318 (*ibid.*, pp.363–4). Vac. on cons. as bp of Coventry and Lichfield 27 June 1322.

Wardrobe clk. Keeper of privy seal 1312–16. Keeper of wardrobe 1316–22. Bp of Coventry and Lichfield 1322–58.⁸

C. of York and p. of Wistow 1315–22; archd. of Richmond 1317–22 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.25, 93).

Relinquished also on cons. prebends in Lincoln (Le Neve, p.97) and probably St David's (Le Neve, *WD*, p.80), and rectories of Bowness, dio. Carlisle, and Ford, dio. Durham.

Loyal and much-favoured clk of Edward II (Tout, *Chapters*, ii, *passim*). Captured by Scots at Bannockburn together with the great seal 1314. Never made a cardinal, as requested by the king.⁹ The occasion of his

⁶ Sandal failed to secure lasting possession of the archdeaconry of Richmond in 1310 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iv, pp.102–5, 208–12, 343; Le Neve, *NP*, p.25), the deanery of St Paul's, London, in 1314 (Le Neve, p.5), a more substantial prebend in Wells after 1310 (Le Neve, pp.34, 77) and the rectory of Misterton (*Reg. Greenfield*, iv, p.109n.). If the rectory of Aston referred to in *CPL*, ii, p.88, be Aston, deanery of Doncaster, it also eluded him (*Fasti Parochiales*, i, pp.14–15).

⁷ Archbishop Greenfield died 6 Dec. 1315; Melton succeeded 25 Sept. 1317; the prebend fell vacant 31 Oct. 1316, and remained unoccupied throughout the ensuing 11 months (*BCA*, i, p.353).

⁸ See E.H. Pearce, *Thomas de Cobham, Bishop of Worcester, 1317–1327* (1923), pp.68–70.

⁹ W.A. Pantin, *The English Church in the Fourteenth Century*, 1955, p.67. Northburgh never secured a prebend in Wells as Pantin assumed he did, nor did he long retain one in St Paul's, London (*ibid.*, p.64).

admission to his prebend, when the court was in ER, is his only recorded attendance at Beverley.

- 1322–30 Mag. BENEDICT DE PASTON. P. of St Andrew's Altar by papal provision 7 July 1322 (*CPL*, ii, pp.222, 324), adm. by proxy 14 Sept.1322 (*BCA*, ii, p.18). Vac. by 6 Nov.1330, when he was probably dead (*ibid.*, p.92; see also R.M. Haines, *The Administration of the Diocese of Worcester in the first half of the Fourteenth Century*, 1965, p.216).

Official Principal of Bp Reynolds of Worcester 1309–13.¹⁰ Auditor of the court of Canterbury from 1314, Reynolds having become arbp (Haines, *op.cit.*, pp.93–4, 324; I.J. Churchill, *Canterbury Administration*, 1933, ii, pp.211, 242). Papal chaplain by 1326 (*CPL*, ii, p.252).

St Andrew's prebend appears to have been his only preferment in York diocese. Elsewhere he was p. of Exeter 1318–30 (Le Neve, p.26), r. of Ringsfield, Suffolk, 1302–?, of Blockley, Gloucs., 1310–30, of Harvington, Worcs., 1316–? (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1433–4; Pearce, *Thomas de Cobham*, pp.158–9).

A lawyer and diocesan administrator pursuing his career in the Southern Province, he was normally absent from Beverley, but rallied to the cause of the chapter in the thraves controversy of 1325 (*BCA*, ii, p.62). Mag. of Oxford by 1302, DCL by 1317 (Emden, *loc.cit.*).

- 1330–41 (or –56) BERTRAND DE CARDILIACO. P. of St Andrew's Altar by papal provision 15 Aug.1330 (*CPL*, ii, p.324), adm. by 26 June 1331 (*BCA*, ii, p.97). Probably lost effective possession following royal grant to William de Kildesby 18 Oct.1341 (see below), but maintained claim as late as Oct.1356 when he negotiated exch. of p. with Richard de Thoresby for p. of Sharow in Ripon. The transaction came to nothing upon his cons. as bp of Montauban in same year (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.102, 131, 155, 180).¹¹

Bp of Montauban, co. of Toulouse, from 1356. Native of Aquitaine, and therefore subject of king of England, held letters of protection throughout 1330s (*CPR* 1330–34, p.417; 1334–38, p.490). Features in Act Book only as absentee (*BCA*, ii, pp.97, 128).

- 1341–6 WILLIAM DE KILDESBY. P. of St Andrew's Altar 18 Oct.1341 by royal grant, the see being vacant following death of Arbp Melton (*CPR* 1340–43, p.302). Vac. on death by 3 Dec.1346 (Reg. Zouch, f.228).¹²

Secretary of Edward III. Keeper of privy seal 1338–40, 1341–2. Master of Rolls 1340 (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.116–18, 161–3). Rejected for arbp of York in favour of William de la Zouch 1342, and subsequently took to military life (*Foedera*, i, p.332).

C. of York and p. of Wilton 1337–40, of Wetwang 1341–6, treasurer of York 1341–6 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.13, 90, 92). C. of Southwell and p.

¹⁰ Also vicar general 1309.

¹¹ Thoresby persisted, and subsequently acquired St Andrew's prebend by exchange with Thomas de Holwell, the successor to Kildesby's rival claim (see below).

¹² The belief that he died at Caen on 20 July 1347 (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.439n.) is supported by the fact that Thomas de Holwell had grant of his prebend a week later.

of ? 1341-6 (Boutflower, *Fasti Dunelm.*, p.72). Warden of chapel in Tickhill Castle (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.439n.).

His death also left vacant prebends in Lincoln (Le Neve, p.113), Chichester (Le Neve, p.44), and possibly in St Paul's, London (Le Neve, pp.47, 56), Howden (Dixon, loc.cit.) and Darlington (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.247, 285, 338), mastership of St Katherine-by-the-Tower, London, and rectory of Llanbadarn Fawr, Radnor.

- 1347-55 THOMAS DE HOLWELL (HELWELL). P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 27 July 1347 (Dade, p.2),¹³ estate ratified 2 Feb.1354 (*CPR 1354-58*, p.6). Vac. on exch. with Richard de Thoresby for p. of Hatherdon in Wolverhampton 16 May 1355 (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.449n.).

King's clk by 1346, still 1355.¹⁴ Son of Sir Robert de Helwell, kt (*CPL*, iii, p.93).

Archd. of Cleveland 1351-5 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.19-20). C. of Southwell and p. of ? in 1342 (*CPL*, iii, p.93). R. of Kippax 1355-6 (Le Neve, *NP*, loc.cit.; *CPR 1354-58*, p.193).

C. of Wolverhampton and p. of Hatherdon 1355-? (Dixon, loc.cit.).

- 1355-? RICHARD DE THORESBY. P. of St Andrew's Altar 16 May 1355 on exch. with Thomas de Holwell for prebend of Hatherdon in Wolverhampton (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.449n.; *CPR 1354-58*, p.212). Date of res. or death uncertain, but no successor appears before 1364.

Kinsman of John Thoresby, arbp of York (1352-73).¹⁵ King's clk. Keeper of hanaper 1345-57.

Master of Free Chapel of Ferrybridge 1355. C. of Ripon and p. of Sharow 1355-? (Dixon, loc.cit.).

Elsewhere he was c. of Wolverhampton and c. of Hatherdon till 1355, r. of Bugbrooke, Northants., and of Oundle from 1352 (*ibid.*).

- 1364-? JOHN DE SAUNFORD. P. of St Andrew's Altar, probably on papal provision at royal request, 20 Nov.1364 (*CPR 1364-67*, p.44), still Nov.1369 (*CPL*, iv, p.78).

Clk of Queen Philippa 1363, being then aged between 12 and 14 and student at Oxford, still 1366 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, pp.469-70, 535; Emden,

¹³ Dade places 'Rd de Thurmeston' before Holwell, at the head of his incomplete list. This is presumably Mag. Richard de Thormerton, treasurer of Wells 1348-61, who had provision of a prebend in Beverley in 1342 (*CPL*, iii, p.80). Though he was almost certainly never admitted to one his bid may well have led Dade to confuse him with Richard de Thoresby who succeeded Holwell in 1356 (see below).

¹⁴ Holwell's unexplained disappearance about this time coincides with the emergence from obscurity of Thomas de Thelwell, already a clerk in chancery, who was chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster from 1377 until his death in 1382, rector of Polebrook, Northants., 1361-82, and portionary in a prebend of St Patrick's, Dublin, 1375-81 (A.H. Thompson, 'The Registers of the Archdeaconry of Richmond 1361-1442', *YAJ*, xxv, pp.182, 188, 257). Further evidence may show them to be one and the same man.

¹⁵ G.L. Grassi's contention that he was the archbishop's brother ('Royal Clerks from the Archdiocese of York in the Fourteenth Century', *Northern History*, v, pp.25-6) is at variance with BL Cotton MS Galba E x, f.80, where he is described as a cousin.

Oxford, iii, p.1645). In these yrs recd, at queen's request, dispensation to hold benefices notwithstanding youth and illegitimacy.

Elsewhere he was p. of St Paul's, London, by 1363, still 1369¹⁶ (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.469; *CPL*, iv, p.78), of Wells from 1364, still Nov.1368 (Le Neve, p.18; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.398).

- 1375-6 ROBERT DE CRULL. P. of St Andrew's Altar 28 April 1375, by royal grant, see being vacant following death of Arbp Thoresby (*CPR* 1374-77, p.94). Vac. by 7 Oct.1376, when Walter Skirlaw had p.¹⁷ (*ibid.*, pp.239, 348, 473).

King's clk by 1375 (*CPR* 1374-77, pp.161, 474, 477). Chamberlain of exchequer (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, p.451).

C. of York and p. of Fridaythorpe 1377-1409 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.51).

Recd royal grant of p. of Grantham Australis in Salisbury 1375, but since similar grants were made later in same year to two other clks continued possession must be doubted (Le Neve, p.54). C. and p. of St Patrick's, Dublin, in 1376 (*CPR* 1374-77, p.283); of Free Chapel of Bridgnorth from 1377 (*ibid.*, p.458); of Tettenhall, Staffs., from 1377 (*ibid.*, p.477).

- 1376-85 Mag. WALTER DE SKIRLAW. P. of St Andrew's Altar by 7 Oct.1376, when estate ratified (*CPR* 1374-77, pp.239, 348, 473). Vac. almost certainly prior to cons. as bp of Coventry and Lichfield 14 Jan. 1386.

Household clk and secretary of Arbp Thoresby by 1359 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.349; Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.461). Official of court of York 1374-6 (Reg. A. Neville, i, f.14). Clk in chancery by 1377 (*CPR* 1374-77, p.438). Keeper of privy seal 1382-6. Bp of Coventry and Lichfield 1386; of Bath and Wells 1386-8; of Durham 1388-1406. BCL Oxford by 1358; DCnL by 1373 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1708).

Archd. of East Riding 1359-85; c. of York and p. of Fenton 1370-85 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.22, 48).

On cons. also res. prebends in Lincoln, St Martin-le-Grand, London, and Howden, and possibly archdeaconry of Northampton.¹⁸ (For these and lesser preferments see Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1708-10).

Originated from South Skirlaugh, almost surrounded by the provostry. Most of his tenure of a prebend in Beverley was spent in diplomatic missions on the continent. He was thus spared involvement in the notorious dispute between Arbp Alexander Neville and the chapter

¹⁶ His prebend was that of Mapesbury (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.356, 398n.), though he is omitted from Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, (p.46) where there is a gap in the succession from 10 April 1363 (when the king was allowed to appoint) until 12 June 1375. What became of young Saunford is unknown: doubtless the Black Death of 1348 and its recurrence of 1361, 1368-9, 1371, 1375, lie behind many such uncertainties.

¹⁷ Since Skirlaw already occupied the prebend on this date, having been admitted to a canonry in expectation of a prebend as early as January 1371 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.427), Crull's actual possession must be open to question.

¹⁸ Henry Bowet, probably his immediate successor, was installed 23 Feb.1386 (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.11).

which broke in 1381¹⁹ (*BCA*, ii, pp.lxxiv–lxxx, 202–65). In his will he left the Minster £40 and the customary set of vestments (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.306–12).

1385–
1410 Mag. THOMAS DE WALKINGTON. P. of St Andrew's Altar by papal provision 17 Dec.1385 (*CPL*, iv, pp.343, 370). Vac. on death between 12 Aug. and 24 Sept.1410, when will made and proved (*Wills and Inventories*, i, SS, 2, pp.49–51).

Clk of Thomas de Brantingham, bp of Exeter, prior to departure for *Curia* c.1385.²⁰ Papal chaplain and auditor of Sacred College for at least 20 years from 1385 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1965). DCnL by 1374 (*ibid.*).

Archd. of Cleveland by 1391–1410 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.20).

Early preferment all in diocese of Exeter: provost of Glaeney, Cornwall, 1374–8; p. of Exeter 1378–93, dean 1378–c.1384 (Le Neve, pp.4, 39–41); p. of Crediton 1379–89. R. of Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, by 1387–1410. P. of St Martin-le-Grand, London, 1389–93 (Emden, *loc.cit.*).

Though he probably lost effective possession of St Andrew's to John de la Pole (see below) throughout the middle years of his claim to it, the fact that he died requesting burial behind St Andrew's Altar strongly suggests that he regained it on retirement from the *Curia*, and possibly that, especially in view of his local origins, he ended his days a residentiary (*Wills and Inventories*, *loc.cit.*).

1385–
c.1415 Mag. JOHN DE LA POLE.²¹ P. of St Andrew's Altar by papal provision 1385 (*CPL*, iv, p.409). Estate ratified 13 June 1387, 23 May 1389, 19 Dec.1391 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.310; 1388–92, p.26; 1392–96, p.20). Probably retained possession throughout subsequent decade, but may have lost it to rival, Walkington, on latter's return from *Curia*. Occupation restored before death c.Feb.1416 (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.372).²²

Second son of Michael de la Pole, earl of Suffolk. BCn and CL Cambridge by 1399 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.181).

¹⁹ Skirlaw was in Flanders in March 1381 when Neville summoned the canons to attend his visitation (*BCA*, ii, p.230), and at the *Curia* from May 1381 until Aug.1382 (Emden, *loc.cit.*). Apart from his inclusion in the initial citation he nowhere features in records of the dispute. There is thus no evidence to indicate that 'he supported his fellow canons'; cf. R.G. Davies, 'Alexander Neville, Archbishop of York 1374–1388', *YAJ*, xlvii, pp.87–101.

²⁰ He acted as Brantingham's proctor at the *Curia* from 1385, and as legal adviser to the priory of Durham from 1394 (Emden, *loc.cit.*). Brantingham and Walkington originated from almost adjacent parishes within the Durham franchise of Howden.

²¹ Since his name is sometimes given as Poole he is to be distinguished from John Poole, fellow of New College, Oxford, 1393–1407, and headmaster of Winchester College 1407–14, whose benefices were all in the dioceses of Worcester and Winchester (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1490–1).

²² In times of political faction and weak government such contests need to be seen against a wider background. The position of the curialist, Walkington, was particularly delicate in a climate which at length produced the second Statute of Provisors in 1390, and so long as Alexander Neville, whose sister-in-law was Pole's aunt, presided at York. Pole's effective possession certainly survived the disgrace of his father, together with Neville, at the hands of the Appellants and the Merciless Parliament in 1388, for, as prebendary of St Andrew's Altar, he assented to Archbishop Arundel's Beverley statutes in July 1391 (*BCA*, ii, p.266). That he held the prebend at the time of his death is strongly suggested by the fact that Henry Bowet, the next known occupant, had collation on the very day (11 Feb.1416) that Henry Merston was awarded his prebend of Wistow in York (Reg. Bowet, i, f.55).

C. of York and p. of Wistow 1381–1416 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.93).

Born c.1373, acquired prebends in York and Beverley at age of 8 and 12 respectively, but apart from interest in preceptory of St Anthony, London, further preferments unknown (*CPL*, iv, pp.409–10; *CCR* 1381–85, p.593). Though his family had outgrown its merchant days at Hull, its extensive interests in East Riding remained throughout middle ages.

- 1416 HENRY BOWET. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 11 Feb.1416 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.55). Vac. on transfer to p. of St Martin's Altar 7 Oct.1416 (*ibid.*, ii, f.58).

See under Prebendaries of St Martin's Altar, below pp.53–4.

- 1416–18 JOHN OF NOTTINGHAM. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 9 Oct.1416 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.58v.), having previously held p. of St Mary's Altar from 1409 (see below, p.65). Vac. on death 20 Dec.1418 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.191).

Treasury clk by 1383; chancellor of exchequer 1390, reapptd 1399 (*CPR* 1389–92, p.295). Residentiary of York from 1410.²³

Archd. of Nottingham 1397–1415; c. of York and p. of Grindale 1408–9, of Langtoft 1409–15; treasurer of York 1415–18 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.14, 24, 55, 63). R. of Cottingham from 1389 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.538). Warden of St Mary Magdalen's Hospital, Ripon, ?–1408 (Le Neve, *Bath and Wells*, p.50).

A master of exchange: in addition to transactions at York, exch. p. in Wells for deanery of royal free chapel of Hastings 1389 (Le Neve, *Bath and Wells*, p.29). This he exch. for p. in Chichester 1394 (Le Neve, p.18) which exch. for one in St. Paul's, London, 1406, holding it till death (Le Neve, p.30). In 1389 exch. chancellorship of Hereford for p. in St George, Windsor (Le Neve, pp.12–13), exch. it same year for Cottingham (*CPR* 1385–89, p.538). In 1408 exch. wardenship of St Mary Magdalen's Hospital, Ripon, for p. in Wells (Le Neve, *Bath and Wells*, p.50) which exch. for p. of St Mary's Altar, Beverley, 1409 (see below, p.65). Also held deanery of Tettenhall, Staffs. (*Miscellanea*, ii, SS, 127, pp.296–7).

- 1418–35 Mag. JOHN WODHAM. P. of St Andrew's Altar from 22 Dec.1418 on transfer from p. of St Katherine's Altar (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.67; see below p.105). Vac. on death between 7 and 26 March 1435 when will dated and proved (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, p.203; Reg. Kempe, f.384).

Registrar of Arbp Bowet by 1410; official of court of York in 1417; chancellor of arbp in 1418. Notary public and BCL, poss. of Oxford, by 1410, LCnL by 1414 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2229). Residentiary of York from Dec.1424. (Dobson, *op.cit.*, *JEH*, 30, p.174).

Archd. of Nottingham 1415–18, of ER 1418–35; c. of York and p. of Fenton 1419–28, of Stillington 1428–35 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.23, 24, 49, 79). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York 1415 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.230–1),

²³ Barrie Dobson, 'The Residentiary Canons of York in the Fifteenth Century', *JEH*, 30, p.174.

Master of St John's Hospital, Ripon, 1413–18 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.51v.; MR, ii, p.145).

Prior to coming to York in service of Bowet his only known preferment was to r. of Souldrop, Ely, which exch. for Milton (nr Northampton), same diocese, Nov.1406 (Emden, loc.cit.). C. and p. of Lincoln 1414–15 (Le Neve, p.97).

- 1435–57 JOHN BARNINGHAM. P. of St Andrew's Altar from 1435 (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, p.203; *Miscellanea*, ii, p.273). Vac. on death between 29 March and 28 May 1457 when will made and proved (Reg. W. Booth, f.36; *Test. Ebor.*, ii, pp.203–7).

Devoted servant of Arbp Kempe from outset of latter's Rochester days (1419), coming north with him (1425). Central figure in diocesan administration under Arbps Kempe and William Booth. Vicar General, with 3 others, from 16 Sept.1452 (A.H. Thompson, *The English Clergy*, p.191). Residentiary of York from 1433 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174), and also of Beverley in 1445–6²⁴ (*ERAS*, vi, pp.61, 82–3).

Provost of Beverley 1451–7 (see above, p.10; *BCA*, ii, pp.lxxxix–xc). C. of York and p. of Wetwang 1426–32, treasurer of York 1432–57 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.14, 90); rejected as dean, after disputed election, in favour of Richard Andrew 1452 (York Cathedral *Acta Capit.* 1427–1504, f.158; *CPL*, x, p.112). R. of Brompton, nr Pickering, and of Bolton Percy 1450–1 (Reg. Kempe, ff.118, 119, 376; 68, 72).

C. and p. of St Paul's, London, 1423–57 (Le Neve, pp.26, 46, 52). Dean of Collegiate Church of Wolverhampton from 1437 (*CPR* 1436–41, p.32).

A benefactor of York Minster both in his long period as a residentiary and in his will, his name is inscribed on the SW tower, though the arms in the east window of the S choir transept, attributed to him by J. Brown, *Arms on the Glass in York Minster* (p.241), are in fact those of Hotham.

²⁴ Barningham and William Duffield, a fellow residentiary at York with a similar background in the service of Archbishop Kempe (see below, p.93–4), appear to have been the only residentiaries of Beverley at this time, sharing between them the common fund (*ERAS*, loc.cit.). Barningham contrived also to qualify as a stagiary of St Paul's. Since the statutory period of residence expected at both York and London was 24 weeks, and at Beverley 12 weeks, this can have been achieved only by a liberal interpretation of the concession which accounted absence in the service of the church as residence. Though residence at more than one church might at London be regarded as questionable (see C.N.L. Brooke in *A History of St Paul's Cathedral*, p.91) such was certainly not the case at Beverley, where the York representation in the chapter had long dominated its convocations. In the period covered by the Chapter Act Book (c.1304–c.1340) this role was fulfilled by such men as Robert de Pickering, dean of York (below, pp.80–1), and John de Nassington (below, pp.49–50). It may well be that many of the 16 residentiaries of York, who in the fifteenth century also held prebends in Beverley, maintained this involvement, especially at a time when canons permanently resident in the precincts were few and far between. Moreover, for his last six years Barningham appears to have been an active provost of Beverley. In a Riding containing fourteen prebends of York it is conceivable that he was able to combine the wide-ranging duties of this office with work qualifying as residence in both churches (Provost's Book, ff.86–7).

Though sometimes referred to as John Bermyngham, Leach is probably correct in associating him with Barningham, nr Greta Bridge, in Teesdale (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxxix).

- 1457-61 Mag. JAMES STANLEY.²⁵ P. of St Andrew's Altar, adm. 31 May 1457 (Reg. W. Booth, f.36). Vac. on res. by 31 May 1461, when John Booth had collation (*ibid.*, f.52).

Son of Thomas Lord Stanley, belonged to third generation of that military family whose rise in fortune is part of national history in 15th century. 16 years of age and student at Oxford when preferred at Beverley. Described by contemporary as 'Not indeed another Aristotle or Augustine, but endowed with great virtues and a staunch defender of the faith'. Mag. of Oxford by 1462 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1760). Died before 28 Jan. 1485 (Reg. *Rotherham*, i, p.95).

C. of York and p. of Driffield 1460-85 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.45).

Archd. of Chester 1478-85 (Le Neve, *Coventry and Lichfield*, p.14). Apart from p. in St Paul's, London, which exch. for wardenship of Manchester Collegiate Church in 1481, and mastership of hospital of SS James and John, Brackley, dio. Lincoln, 1472-84, all other benefices concentrated in Stanley country in Lancashire and Welsh marches (Emden, *loc.cit.*).

- 1461-5 Mag. JOHN BOOTH. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 31 May 1461 (Reg. W. Booth, f.52). Vac. on cons. as bp of Exeter 7 July 1465.²⁶

Son of Roger Booth, esq. and nephew of Arbps William and Laurence Booth (*ibid.*, ff.49v., 58v.). Secretary of Edward IV by 1462, still 1465 (*CPR* 1461-67, p.348; *CCR* 1461-68, p.307; *CPL*, xi, p.630). BCL of Cambridge by 1453, chancellor of University 1463, still 1464 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.77-8). Bp of Exeter 1465-78. Died 5 April 1478.²⁷

Provost of Beverley 1458-65 (see above, p.11; *BCA*, ii, pp.xc-xci). C. of York and p. of Wistow 1457, of Strensall 1459, of Bole 1464-5;

²⁵ Not to be confused with his nephew, James Stanley, bishop of Ely 1506-15 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1761) who was born c.1464.

²⁶ The preferments of this John Booth, son of Roger Booth, are difficult to distinguish from those of his cousin, John Booth, son of Sir Robert Booth, especially since a number of benefices were, at various times, enjoyed by both. In this respect A.H. Thompson's account (*YAJ*, xxx, pp.13-14) is more satisfactory than Emden's (*Cambridge*, pp.77-8).

1. Emden makes John, son of Robert, prebendary of St Andrew's, Beverley. Quite apart from the unlikely circumstance of John, son of Roger, being the only provost between 1380 and 1543 to be denied a prebend, this is made most improbable by the fact that both the provostship and St Andrew's fell vacant on the latter's promotion to the see of Exeter.

2. Knowledge that the treasurership of Lichfield was filled by a John Booth in 1459, and relinquished by one in 1495, shortly before the death of John, son of Robert, has apparently led both Emden and the reviser of Le Neve (*Coventry and Lichfield*, p.12) to assume that the latter held the dignity throughout the intervening years. Record of the appointment in 1459 (*CPR* 1452-61, p.505) explicitly states that the recipient was John, son of Roger, who was probably succeeded by his cousin c.1465.

For the briefest of periods both men held the rectory of Adbolton, Notts.

²⁷ At East Horsley Manor in Surrey. If, as Emden and F.F. Raines (*The Rectors of Manchester and the Wardens of the Collegiate Church of that Town*, i, pp.25-7) both assert, John Booth, bishop of Exeter, was buried in St Clement Danes, London, the now unique brass in East Horsley church (of which Raines was aware) requires explanation. Under the kneeling effigy of a bishop in profile the epitaph reads

... Hic iacet Johes bowthe quoda. Eps Exoniens. qui
Obiit V^o die mesis Aprelis A. dni MCCCCCLXXVIII

(See J. Clayton, *The Ornaments of the Ministers as shown on English Monumental Brasses*, Alcuin Club xxii, pp.28-9).

treasurer of York 1457–9, archd. of Richmond 1459–65 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.14, 26, 36, 81, 94). R. of Adbolton, Notts., 1459 (Reg. W. Booth, f.87v.).

Outside York diocese chief preferments were: treasurer and p. of Sawley in Lichfield 1459–?1465 (*CPR 1452–61*, p.505; Le Neve, p.12). C. of St Paul's, London and p. of Mapesbury 1464–5 (Le Neve, p.46). R. of St Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street, London, and warden of St Andrew's Hospital, Denhall, Cheshire, by 1453 (*CPL*, x, pp.128–9). V. of Leigh, Lancs., 1453–5 (*CPR 1452–61*, p.505). Warden of Manchester Collegiate Church 1459–65 (Emden, loc.cit.).

- 1465–77 Mag. HENRY WEBBER. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 24 Sept.1465 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.2v.). Vac. on death 13 Feb.1477 (Le Neve, *Exeter*, p.5; Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.2v.).

Active administrator in diocese of Exeter under Bps Lacey, Neville and Booth; vicar-general under Neville by 1456, under Booth 1465–77. BCnL of Oxford Univ. by 1422. Notary public by 1434 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2005).

Provost of Beverley July–Sept.1465 (See above, p.11; *BCA*, ii, p.xci).

C. and p. of Exeter 1436–77, treasurer 1442–53, precentor 1453–9, dean 1459–77 (Le Neve, pp.5, 8, 11, 51); c. and p. of Wells 1459–77 (Le Neve, *Bath and Wells*, p.71). For numerous other preferments, all within diocese of Exeter, see Emden, loc.cit.

This distinguished West Country clk's only connection with York lay in his close association with Arbp George Neville in latter's Exeter days. His coll. to provostship, wholly out of keeping with rest of his career, was one of Neville's first acts after translation, being made under seal of Exeter.²⁸

- 1477–88 Mag. ROBERT BOOTH. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 14 Feb.1477 (Reg. L. Booth, f.252v.), having previously held p. of St James's Altar from 27 Oct.1476 (see below, p.41). Vac. on death by 30 Jan.1488 (Reg. *Rotherham*, i, p.97; *Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.30–2).

Illegitimate son of Sir Robert Booth of Barton, Lancs., and nephew of Arbps William and Laurence Booth (*CPL*, xiii, p.6; *Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.30n.) King's clk in 1474 (*ibid.*). Vicar general of Arbp Rotherham 1480, still 1485 (Reg. *Rotherham*, i, pp.1, 210). Residentiary of York 1480–8 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174). Mag. of Cambridge; LLD by 1478 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.79–80).

C. of York and p. of Ampleforth 1477–8, of Wetwang 1478–88, dean of York 1477–88 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.8, 28, 91). Warden of St Mary's Hospital, Bootham, York, 1487–8 (Reg. *Rotherham*, i, pp.116, 117).

C. and p. of Salisbury 1483–8 (Emden, loc.cit.; Le Neve, p.43). R. of St Matthew's, Ipswich, 1473–6, of Little Bowden, Leicestershire, 1475–? (Emden, loc.cit.).

Buried in York Minster, close to Richard Andrew, his predecessor in deanery, under epitaph reading: *Igenio, virtute, fide, dape, vix locus iste*

²⁸ Webber appears to have been offered the vacant prebend as an alternative to the provostship two months later.

Vulgi voce parem noverat ante diem Robertus Bothe decanus 1487 (Test. Ebor., iv, loc.cit.; Torre MS, f.194).

- 1488–99 Mag. EDMUND CHADERTON. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 30 Jan. 1488 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.97), having previously held St Katherine's prebend c.1471–8 (see below, p.108). Vac. on death between 6 April and 25 Aug. 1499 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.68; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.108).

Receiver of Hexham from 1466 (*MR*, ii, p.219). Residentiary of Southwell 1472, 1486, 1490 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.13–14, 166).²⁹ Domestic chaplain and much favoured clk of Richard, duke of Gloucester, rising to wealth and status after latter's accession. Member of royal council. Keeper of hanaper till 1484 when apptd treasurer of king's chamber. Recd general pardon from Henry VII 1485. Described in will as chancellor of Queen Elizabeth (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.67–8; see also C. Ross, *Richard III*, 1981, pp.172, 176).

C. of Southwell and p. of Sacrista 1472–5, of South Muskham 1475–6, of Norwell III 1476, of Oxton I 1476–85, of Dunham 1485–99 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.14, 146–8, 150). C. of Ripon and p. of Thorpe 1485–97 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.94, 105). V. of Blythe, Notts., 1462 (*MR*), ii, p.218). R. of Broughton-in-Craven 1462–70 (*ibid.*; *YAJ*, xxxii, p.124), of Hockerton, Notts. (*MR*, ii, p.219). V. of Kirkby Lonsdale 1470–3 (*YAJ*, xxxii, pp.124, 137). R. of Staunton, Notts., 1473–8 (*MR*, ii, p.219). Master of St Loye's Hospital, Stoke, Staffs., till 1476, of St Mary's College, Sibthorpe, Notts., till 1488 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.162). R. of Almondbury from 1484 (*ibid.*, p.111).

Held vast preferment outside York dio., possessing at death archdeaconries of Salisbury, Totnes and Chester, and prebends in Lincoln, Salisbury, Chichester, St Paul's, London, St Stephen's, Westminster, and probably treasurership of St Asaph. (For these and lesser benefices see *Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.67–8; *MR*, ii, pp.218–20; *Memorials of Southwell*, p.146n.; Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.382–3).

- 1499–
1503 Mag. HENRY CARNBULL. P. of St Andrew's Altar from 25 Aug. 1499 on res. p. of St Martin's Altar (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.107; *Test. Ebor.*, v, p.28n.; see below, p.56). Vac. on res. in Feb. 1503 (*Test. Ebor.*, loc.cit.; *Reg. Savage*, f.22v.).

²⁹ Chaderton, it would seem, did not persist in his residence at Southwell, feeling early the call of the wider scene. As early as 1472 he was granted leave of absence, ostensibly to pursue the affairs of the church in London (*Memorials of Southwell*, p.14). Further dispensations enabled him to attend Richard, duke of Gloucester, on the Scottish Border, and his absence must have been prolonged after Richard's accession. Though accepted into the service of Henry VII, most of his preferments after 1485 were the result of exchanges. Emden cites no authority for accepting him as a graduate of Oxford (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.382), and the fact that he requested burial close to the Archbishops Booth (in the event of his dying at Southwell) suggests rather an association with Cambridge (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.67–8).

Protégé, possibly kinsman, of Arbp Rotherham.³⁰ King's clk, chaplain and councillor of Henry VII (*CPR 1494-1509*, p.394).

C. of York and p. of Fridaythorpe 1485-8, of Wetwang 1488-94, of Masham 1494-1508. Archd. of Cleveland 1485-93, of ER 1493-7, of York 1497-1504 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.51, 68, 91; 19, 21, 23). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell I 1499-1507 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.150-1, 158). Master of Hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Ripon, 1485 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.94, 96). R. of Collingham, Notts., 1492-9 (*ibid.*, pp.166, 251).

Chief among his preferments elsewhere were: C. and p. of Lincoln 1477-?1507 (Le Neve, pp.84, 101, 112). C. and p. of Salisbury 1493-4 (Le Neve, p.99).

Though he resigned all his major preferments between 1504 and 1508 Carnbull died shortly after making his will on 12 July 1512 (*Test. Ebor.*, v, p.30).³¹

1503-
?1521 Mag. WILLIAM ROKEBY. P. of St Andrew's Altar, coll. 13 Feb. 1503 (*Reg. Savage*, f.22v.). Vac. probably on death 28 Nov. 1521.³²

2nd son of John Rokeby of Kirk Sandall. BCnL of Cambridge 1489, DCnL 1495. Fellow King's Hall, Cambridge 1495-1506 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1585-6; *Cambridge*, p.486). Bp of Meath 1507-12, arbp of Dublin 1512-21. Chancellor of Ireland 1498-1501, 1512-21.

R. of Kirk Sandall (Sandall Parva) 1487-1501 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.117, 126; *Fasti Parochiales*, ii, pp.51-2), Master of St Mary's Hospital, Sibthorpe, Notts. from 1498 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.169). R. of Sproatley 1501-3 (*Reg. Savage*, ff.6v., 51v.). Warden of free chapel Ferrybridge 1501-12 (*ibid.*, f.20v.). V. of Halifax 1502-21 (*ibid.*, f.15v.).

Archd. of Surrey 1519-21 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.49). R. of Fakenham with Thorpland, Norfolk, 1496-1521 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1586).

His will dated 22 Nov. 1521 (*Test. Ebor.*, v, pp.140-4) directed that his bowels and heart be buried at Halifax, and his body in the fine chapel he had caused to be built at Kirk Sandall.³³

³⁰ Carnbull's rich preferment in the church of York between 1485 and 1494, in particular his possession in turn of three of its archdeaconries, has led to the belief that he was 'one of the chief assistants of Archbishop Rotherham in the management of the diocese' (*Test. Ebor.*, v, p.28n.) Observation that he is invariably described as 'magister' in and after 1493, but only once before, suggests that he was a student for much of this time (see *Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.94-7; 101-2, 107). Certainly his subsequent career lay rather in the service of Henry VII, advanced by a favour on the part of Rotherham which suggests kinship. His earliest known preferment, a succession of prebends in Lincoln, came to him in Rotherham's episcopate there, and though the archbishop's precarious relationship with Richard III would seem to have delayed his protégé's advancement at York, Carnbull's progress to some of the diocese's richest plums followed closely upon the accession of Henry VII. He was one of Rotherham's six executors in 1500 (*Test. Ebor.*, loc.cit.), and in 1505 founded chantries in Rotherham church and York Minster partly for the benefit of his patron's soul (*CPR 1494-1509*, p.394; *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, i, pp.24 and n., 201; *Fasti Parochiales*, ii, p.133).

³¹ Through a curious instance of misinformation he was thought to be dead in 1499 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.251).

³² As bishop of an Irish see Rokeby's tenure of benefices was unaffected by consecration. He held the vicarage of Halifax until his death, and acquired the archdeaconry when already archbishop of Dublin.

³³ For a description of his tomb, and of memorial brasses at Kirk Sandall and Halifax (the one much mutilated, the other now lost) see *YAJ*, xv, pp.46-7.

By 1526, Mag. ROBERT CARTER. P. of St Andrew's Altar by 1526 (*Letters and Papers, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001), still 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.131), possibly till death c.1541.

Fellow of Magdalen Coll., Oxford, from c.1505, vice-president 1510–11; lecturer in logic 1506–8, in philosophy 1509–11. Steward and chaplain to Cardinal Wolsey by 1524, still 1526. Canon of Cardinal College by 1527, of Henry VIII College from 1532. Mag. 1506, BTh 1520, DTh 1524 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.364–5).

No other preferment in north known, but elsewhere r. of St Martin's Vintry, London, 1519–41, of Yardley Hastings, dio. Lincoln, 1519–31, of Woolpit, dio. Norwich 1521–9, of Islip, dio. Lincoln, 1526–41, of All Hallows, Barking, dio. London, 1521–9 (*ibid.*).

Recruited in his middle years to the service of Wolsey, Carter remained essentially an Oxford academic until his death.

?–1543 Mag. GEORGE DAY. Listed by Dade (without dates) as p. of St Andrew's Altar before George Clayton who was p. from April 1543 (see below). Day was cons. bp of Chichester 6 May following, and had probably succeeded Robert Carter in prebend on latter's death 1541.

Chaplain of John Fisher, bp of Rochester. Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge; master 1537–8. Public orator of University of Cambridge 1528–37; vice-chancellor 1537–8. Provost of King's College, Cambridge, 1538–47. BA 1511, BD 1533, STD 1537 (Venn, *Alumni Cantab.*, ii, p.22). Bp of Chichester 1543–56.

R. of All Hallows-the-Great, London 1537–43 (*ibid.*).

An exact contemporary in the schools of Cranmer, Latimer and Goodrich. A conservative bishop, he was deprived 1551 for disobedience in the matter of the abolition of altars and imprisoned in the Fleet. Restored 1553, he preached at the funeral of Edward VI. Died 11 Aug. 1556.

1543–? GEORGE CLAYTON. P. of St Andrew's Altar, adm. 9 April 1544 (Dade, p.29).

1546 THOMAS THURLANDE. Last p. of St Andrew's Altar. Coll. 1546 (J. Bickersteth and R.W. Dunning, *Clerks of the Closet in the Royal Household* (1991), p.15). Res. by early 1547, it being then recorded that he had handed over p. to Sir Michael Stanhope (*CPR 1547–48*, p.170). No successor apptd (*Yorks. Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.527).

Clk of the Closet by 17 Nov. 1558 (Bickersteth, *op.cit.*, pp.14–15). Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth 1558, possibly till death in 1574 (*ibid.*).³⁴ MA Cambridge (Venn, *Alumni Cantab.*, iv, p.238).

R. of Clayworth, Notts., from 26 Nov. 1554 (Reg. *Sede Vacante*, f.664v.).

Vice-master of Savoy Hospital 1557–9, master 1559–70 (R. Somerville, *The Savoy: Manor, Hospital, Chapel* (1960), p.238). P. of Lincoln 1560–74 (Venn, *loc.cit.*). R. of All Cannings, dio. Salisbury from 1554, of Sparsholt, dio. Winchester (*ibid.*).

³⁴ A statement of 27 Sept. 1546 to the effect that St Andrew's prebend was vacant in consequence of Thurlande's death (*L and P, Henry VIII*, 21, p.154) was incorrect. It may, however, accurately record his relinquishing of the prebend.

The Prebend of St James's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St James's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d.
Thraves	Major renders	£ 27 3s. 8d. ²	
	Pensions	- - -	£ 27 3s. 8d.
Tithes	Aike	18s. 0d.	
	Molescroft	£ 7 13s. 4d.	£ 8 11s. 4d.
Rents	North Burton and		
	Beverley Town	£ 19s. 0d.	£ 19s. 0d.
	Pension from St Stephen's prebend		£ 2 13s. 4d.
VALUE CLEAR			£ 47 1s. 4d.

¹ *Valor*, v, p.131. Items are partially rearranged here in the interests of uniformity with other prebends.

² St James's thraves were derived from the parishes of Catton £1 6s. 8d., Etton £1 0s. 0d., Sutton-on-Derwent £1 0s. 0d., Holme-on-the-Wolds £1 3s. 4d., South Dalton £1 0s. 0d., Wilberfoss 16s. 0d., Full Sutton 6s. 8d., Pocklington £16 13s. 4d., Walkington £3 13s. 4d., North (Cherry) Burton 4s. 4d.

The contribution of Pocklington presumably included those of the old chapelries of Allerthorpe with Thornton, Fangfoss, Hayton with Belby and Millington with Great Givendale. Barmby also rendered thraves to St James's (*BCA*, i, p.84).

Prebendaries of St James's Altar

?-1289 Mag. ADENULF DEI CONTI DE ANAGNI. P. of St James's Altar at death before 8 April 1289 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.376).

Nephew of Pope Gregory IX (*Reg. Giffard*, p.84). Papal chaplain by 1254, still 1264 (*CPL*, i, pp.299, 406; *Reg. Giffard*, p.94).

C. of York and p. of Riccall by 1278-1289 (*YMF*, i, pp.87-8; ii, p.66).

R. of Burton-on-Trent in 1264 (*CPL*, i, p.406). Pensioner (50 marks annually) in p. of Caunton and Muskham in Southwell 1241-89 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.84; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.364).¹

C. and p. of St Paul's, London, in 1276 (*CPR 1272-81*, p.161). Provost of St Omer, Artois, in 1276 (*ibid.*).

1289-1305 Mag. WILLIAM DE HAXBY. P. of St James's Altar, adm. 9 April 1289 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.376; *BCA*, ii, p.156). Vac. on death 2 Oct. 1305 (*BCA*, i, p.89).

No other preferment known, and earlier career obscure. Auditor of accounts relating to arbp's houses in Paris 1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.166), by which time assiduous, if undistinguished, residentiary at Beverley (*BCA*, i, *passim*).² Mag. (university unknown) by 1289.

¹ It may well be that all his preferments date from his uncle's pontificate, i.e. from before 1241.

² Appointed on the archbishop's mandate, almost certainly in the face of a bid from Oddo dei Conti (probably a grand-nephew of the previous prebendary), who held a papal provision, Haxby appears to have been slow in taking up residence at Beverley. Romeyn, having resisted the alien claim partly by stressing the need for personal residence (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.380-1), cited him in March 1290 to reside forthwith (*ibid.*, p.384; *BCA*, ii, p.157). Oddo also failed to secure St Katherine's prebend in the following year (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.389; *BCA*, ii, pp.164-5).

- 1305–16 JOHN DE DINNINGTON. P. of St James's Altar, adm. 13 Oct. 1305 by royal grant, see being vac. following death of Arbp Corbridge (*BCA*, i, p.92). Vac. on death by 10 April 1316 (*ibid.*, p.343).

Should probably be distinguished from John de Dinnington, r. of Treeton, nr Rotherham, from 1293 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.128) and r. of Sandal Magna from 1307 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.48n., ii, p.5n.; *Fasti Parochiales*, ii, pp.99–100).³

From 1308 onwards unfailing in attendance of chapter convocations, clearly keeping more than statutory residence (*BCA*, i, p.213 *et passim*).

- 1316–38 NICHOLAS DE HUGGATE. P. of St James's Altar by royal grant 10 April 1316, see being vac. following death of Arbp Greenfield (*BCA*, i, p.343). Vac. on death 24 June 1338 (*ibid.*, ii, p.120).

Clk of wardrobe of Edward of Caernarvon by 1306; cofferer of king's wardrobe 1314–15⁴ (Tout, *Chapters*, ii, pp.171, 237; vi, p.31). *Thesaurarius Domini Principis* (i.e. of Edward, earl of Chester, later Edward III) c.1316, still 1319 (*BCA*, i, p.339; *C of Fine Rolls 1319–27*, p.6). Described as queen's clk 1323 (*Reg. Drokenesford, B and W*, Somerset Record Soc., 1, p.223). Receiver for Aquitaine and Gascony from March 1324, still Oct. 1325 (*C of Fine Rolls 1319–27*, pp.258, 341; *C of Chancery Warrants 1244–1326*, p.485). Controller of king's wardrobe 1326–8 (Tout, *Chapters*, vi, p.29). Granted release of all debts 'in consideration of his manifold services to the King from boyhood' 4 Nov. 1332 (*CPR 1330–34*, p.368).

Provost of Beverley 1318–38 (*BCA*, i, pp.344–7; ii, pp.lvi–lxii, 120–2; see above, p.8). C. of York and p. of Barnby 1327–38 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.97).

Warden of St Nicholas's Hospital, York, 1308–18 (*CPR 1307–13*, pp.34, 146; 1317–21, p.120). R. of Lythe 1315, vac. by Aug. 1320 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.105; Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.426). C. of Howden and p. of Saltmarsh (*ibid.*, p.428n.)

P. of Salisbury 1315–18 (Le Neve, p.97), of Hereford 1318–? (Le Neve, p.39), of Wingham, dio. Canterbury 1328–38 (*BCA*, ii, pp.lvii, lxii), of St Martin-le-Grand ?–1338 (*ibid.*, pp.lxii, 123), of Wolverhampton 1330–8 (*ibid.*, p.lvii). Archd. of Gloucester 1317–18 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.60). Warden of King's Free Chapel of Aber, dio. Bangor, ?–1309 (*BCA*, ii, p.lvi). R. of Carlow, dio. Leighlin, 1308–? (*ibid.*), of Scartho, dio. Lincoln, by 1309 (*Reg. Reynolds*, Worcester, p.103), of Benniworth, dio. Lincoln, 1310–? (*BCA*, ii, p.lvi).

³ A.H. Thompson (*Fasti Parochiales*, ii, loc.cit.) can only be correct in assuming the two Dinningtons to be one and the same if prebendary John de Dinnington was followed in both rectories by a namesake. Certainly a second John de Dinnington resigned Treeton in 1318 (*Reg. Melton*, f.636) and still retained Sandal Magna in 1320 (*CPL*, ii, p.216), four years after the prebendary's death. Thompson also confuses the latter with William de Donington, rector of Kirk Bramwith from 1306 (*Reg. Greenfield*, ii, pp.3, 4n.; see also *ibid.*, i, p.148n.).

⁴ Huggate probably owed his introduction into the royal service to William Melton, the future archbishop, under whom he served at the wardrobe, and for whom he acted as proctor and attorney in the North on numerous occasions after c.1307, especially during Melton's long period at the *Curia* prior to consecration.

Perpetually absent on royal service till 1330; thereafter frequently in residence at Beverley. The once sumptuous tomb on the east side of the N transept is almost certainly his.⁵

- 1338–65 Mag. ANTHONY DE GOLDSBOROUGH. P. of St James's Altar, adm. 6 July 1338 (*BCA*, ii, pp.120–2) on papal reservation granted 1336 (*CPL*, ii, p.535).⁶ Vac. on death 22 Feb.1365 (*CPL*, iv, p.85).⁷

Son of Sir Richard de Goldsborough kt of Goldsborough, nr Knaresborough. Junior proctor of Oxford University 1327. BCL by 1336, DCnL and CL by 1352 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.781). Residentiary of Lincoln by 1360, still 1365 (K. Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals*, pp.348–50). Official principal of Lincoln by 1363 (*Reg. Sudbury*, ii, p.258).

R. of Goldsborough ?–1348 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Precentor and p. of Lincoln 1350–65 (*CPL*, iii, p.318; Le Neve, pp.20, 88). In dio. Norwich: rural dean of Brooke 1337–8, r. of Hevingham 1338–46, rural dean of Sudbury 1346. R. of Irthlingborough, dio. Lincoln, 1346–? (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1365–87 HUGH DE FERRIBY. P. of St James's Altar from 1365 by papal provision (*CPL*, iv, p.85). Lost possession following royal grant to Henry de Snaith (see below), but regained it on latter's death c.Feb.1381 (*CPR* 1381–85, pp.293, 303).⁸ Vac. on death by mid-1387 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.367).

⁵ Architectural quality, heraldry on the effigy, the absence of other candidates and, not least, Huggate's remarkable will (*BCA*, ii, pp.122–5), all favour this conclusion. A.S. Harvey's suggestion that the tomb is that of Gilbert de Grimsby, precentor of Beverley 1305–6 (see below, p.124) is unconvincing ('A Priest's Tomb at Beverley Minster', *YAJ* xxxviii, pp.504–23).

⁶ The mutilated condition of the record of Goldsborough's admission, rather than its tenor, conveys best the contention over many years which stemmed from his succession. From the outset his possession was almost certainly contested by William de la Mare, a kinsman of Archbishop Melton, who had succeeded Huggate in the provostship on 24 June (see above, p.9). On 28 June Melton granted him collation of an unnamed prebend in Beverley (*Reg. Melton*, f.118). Since no other prebend was then vacant, the intention must have been for him to receive the other part of Huggate's Beverley preferment. On this occasion the provisor prevailed, for de la Mare nowhere features as a prebendary throughout his long provostship, whereas Goldsborough's possession was clearly accepted at Beverley (*BCA*, ii, pp.125, 131) and ended with his death almost 27 years later. The issue of his initial right to the prebend was then reopened to trouble to greater purpose his successor.

⁷ Emden (loc.cit.) accepts the date in the unrevised Le Neve (ii, p.83) which is a year too early. The Lincoln Chapter Account Book suggests that he lived sufficiently long in 1365 to qualify for minor residence, but not into 1366 as assumed in the revised Le Neve (*Lincoln*, pp.20, 88).

⁸ In July 1370, when Ferriby's provision was further confirmed (*CPL*, iv, p.85), it was stated that during the previous five years he had obtained three sentences against William de Pickwell and John de Humbleton for molesting him in the prebend. It is improbable that these local men were acting on their own account. More likely they were agents of Henry de Snaith, who in March 1370 received a formal grant of the prebend from the king 'by reason of the late voidance of the see' (*CPR* 1367–70, p.461). Since John Thoresby had by then been archbishop for nearly 18 years the reference must be to the vacancy which followed either the death of Melton (1340) or of Zouch (1352), and be based on the assertion that Goldsborough's tenure had all along been unlawful. Despite Thoresby's protest against this construction (*CPR* 1370–74, p.315) Snaith's possession was recognised by the chapter and later by Archbishop Neville (*BCA*, ii, pp.231, 248), and he is described as a prebendary in his will dated 3 Feb.1381 (*Test. Ebor.*, i, pp.111–13). Ferriby's reinstatement by the king also brought a pardon for having pursued the matter in the papal court (*CPR* 1381–85, loc.cit.).

One of the lesser-known Ferribys, his career remains obscure beyond his unsettled tenure of St James's prebend. Circumstances of his dispute with Snaith suggest employment at the *Curia*.

- 1370–81 HENRY DE SNAITH. P. of St James's Altar 5 March 1370 by royal grant 'by reason of the late voidance of the see' (*CPR* 1367–70, p.461). Vac. on death between 3 Feb. 1381 and July 1382⁹ (*Test. Ebor.*, i, pp.111–13; *CPR* 1381–85, p.303).

King's clk. Chaplain to Edward III. Keeper of privy wardrobe 1360–5, of great wardrobe 1361–71 (Tout, *Chapters*, vi, pp.36, 37).

C. of York and p. of North Newbald 1376–c.1381 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.69). C. of Howden and p. of ? by 1367–c.1381 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.298; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxx).

Precentor of Hereford 1361 (Le Neve, p.8). P. of St Stephen's, Westminster ?–1364 (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, p.48), of Lincoln 1363–? (Le Neve, p.67), of St Paul's, London 1364–c.1381 (Le Neve, p.48), of Chichester ?–1376 (Le Neve, p.28), of St David's ?–1376 (Le Neve, *WD*, p.70). Master of Greatham Hospital, dio. Durham 1361–72 (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.120). R. of Oundle, dio. Lincoln, by 1361, still 1367, of Youghal, dio. Cloyne, in 1361, of Haddenham, Balsham and Hardwick, all dio. Ely (*ibid.*; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxx; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.298, 349).

Arbp Neville, at his visitation of Beverley in 1381, was informed that Snaith (who, if he was alive, never appeared) kept, with Richard of Chesterfield, better residence than his fellow canons (*BCA*, ii, p.248).

- 1387–97 Mag. ADAM FENROTHER. P. of St James's Altar by June 1387, when estate ratified (*CPR* 1385–89, p.367). Vac. on exch. with Robert Manfield for p. of St Michael's Altar 15 Nov. 1397 (*CPR* 1396–99, p.252; *CPL*, v, p.543; *MR*, iv, pp.125–6).

As p. of St James's Altar attended convocation of 1391 which approved statutes of Arbp Arundel (*BCA*, ii, p.266).

For fuller account see Prebendaries of St Michael's Altar, below p.73.

- 1397–1419 Mag. ROBERT MANFIELD. P. of St James's Altar, adm. 15 Nov. 1397 on exch. with Adam Fenrother for St Michael's¹⁰ (*CPR* 1396–99, pp.252, 255; *MR*, iv, pp.125–6). Vac. on death between 12 and 29 April 1419 (*North Country Wills*, pp.20–5; Reg. Bowet, i, ff.67v., 137).

Clk in chancery. Keeper of writs and rolls of the common bench 1397–1410 (*CPR* 1396–99, p.81; 1408–13, pp.69, 219).

⁹ Leach may well be right in suggesting that Snaith was already dead when Alexander Neville began his notorious visitation of the chapter in March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxix). Nevertheless it is curious that, at a time when news of vacant prebends travelled with remarkable speed, he should have been summoned as a prebendary on 26 March (*ibid.*, pp.230–2), and that the standard of his residence should be reported as late as 22 April (*ibid.*, p.248). Le Neve, *Lincoln* (p.67), is certainly incorrect in extending his tenure of a prebend in Lincoln to 1386.

¹⁰ St James's prebend was worth £47, St Michael's only £31 (*Valor*, v, pp.130, 131). Fenrother received Manfield's prebend of Nunwick in Ripon by way of adjustment (*MR*, iv, pp.125–6).

Provost of Beverley 1381–1419 (*BCA*, ii, pp.306–7, lxxxi–lxxxiv; see above, p.10). C. of York and p. of Wistow 1379–81, of Husthwaite 1381–1419; archd. of Cleveland 1380–1¹¹ (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.20, 58, 93). C. of Ripon and p. of Nunwick 1382–97 (*MR*, ii, p.194). Warden of St Mary's Hospital, Southwell, ?–1399 (*CPR 1399–1401*, p.46). C. of Howden and p. of Skelton 1386–99 (Reg. Scrope, f.107).

His death also left vacant prebends in St Paul's, London, and St Martin-le-Grand, the mastership of the Free Chapel and Hospital of Maldon, the rectory of Hackney (all dio. London), and of Stone, dio. Canterbury (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1213–14).

He probably came from Manfield, nr Piercebridge, and appears to have spent his latter years in retirement at Beverley, or at least in northern parts. Russell describes him as a residentiary of Beverley and president of the chapter in Jan.1417 (*BCA*, ii, p.306).

- 1419–27 Mag. ROBERT NEVILLE. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 29 April 1419 (Reg. Bowet, i, ff.67v., 137). Vac. on cons. as bp of Salisbury 9 July 1427.

5th son of Ralph Neville, 1st earl of Westmorland, and Joan Beaufort, (daughter of John of Gaunt), and nephew of Cardinal Beaufort, at whose request he was provided to the see of Salisbury at the age of 23.¹² Bp of Salisbury 1427–38, of Durham 1438–57.

Provost of Beverley 1422–7 (Reg. Bowet, i, f.74; *CPR 1422–29*, p.425; *CPL*, vii, p.523; *BCA*, ii, pp.lxxxiv–lxxxvi; see above, p.10). C. of York and p. of Grindale 1414–16, of Laughton 1416–17 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.55, 65). R. of Spofforth 1417–27. C. of Howden and p. of Skelton 1416–? (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1350).

Prior to cons. he held also prebends in Lincoln and Auckland, and a portion in ch. of Norton, dio. Durham (*ibid.*; *Fasti Dunelm.*, p.178).

- 1427–
c.1434 Mag. THOMAS SWANN. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 3 Dec.1427 (Dade, p.39), still 1432 (*CPL*, viii, p.434). Vac. by 1434, probably following exch. with John Conge (see below) for rectory of North Newnton and p. in Wilton, dio. Salisbury¹³ (*Miscellanea*, ii, SS, 127, p.293; Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1829).

Nephew of William Swann, the well-known papal notary¹⁴ (*ibid.*, pp.1829–30). Scholar of arts at Oxford with licence to study for 3 years in 1433. BCL (*ibid.*).

¹¹ According to Le Neve, *NP*, p.20, Manfield exchanged the archdeaconry of Cleveland, a few months after acquiring it, with Adam Spencer for the provostship (which the latter can have held for only a similar period). Spencer probably never gained possession, for he is ignored in all early lists of provosts, including that of Simon Russell, who was Manfield's contemporary (*BCA*, ii, p.306). Manfield's estate in the provostship was disturbed for many years, and was not finally settled until 8 Feb.1398, when he was readmitted on a royal grant, the see being vacant following the death of Robert Waldby (*ibid.*, p.lxxxiii).

¹² Dispensations from Rome flowed fast to permit Neville to hold a prebend in York at the age of 10, and in Beverley at 15, and to hold a bishopric before reaching the canonical age for priesthood.

¹³ No record of such a transaction is to hand, but the passing of these benefices from Conge to Swann at about the same time as the Beverley prebend was transferred from Swann to Conge is surely more than a coincidence.

¹⁴ An inscription brass in Southfleet church, Kent, reads: 'John Swann, Master William Swan and Richard Swan, brethren, and Master Thomas Swan and William Swan, nephews, gave the great bell' (Mill Stephenson, *List of Monumental Brasses*, p.259).

At death (c.1460) p. of Wilton, dio. Salisbury, r. of North Newnton, same dio., of Christian Malford, same dio., and of St Mary-at-Hill, dio. London (*ibid.*).

- c.1434–
1451 JOHN CONGE. P. of St James's Altar from c.1434, probably following exch. with Thomas Swann (see above) for r. of North Newnton and p. in Wilton, dio. Salisbury (*Miscellanea*, ii, SS, 127, p.293; Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1829). Vac. probably on death by 3 March 1451 (Reg. Kempe, f.72).

Provost of St Edmund's Coll., Salisbury, by 1421 (*Miscellanea*, ii, loc.cit.). P. of Wilton, dio. Salisbury by 1421–1434 (*ibid.*), of Lichfield 1425–9 (Le Neve, p.47), of Salisbury 1425, still 1449 (Le Neve, p.86), of Wells 1429–51 (Le Neve, p.42), of Chichester 1447–? (Le Neve, p.35). R. of North Newnton ?–1434 (*Miscellanea*, ii, loc.cit.), of Edington in 1443 (*CPR 1441–46*, pp.217, 266), of Berwick St John ?–1447 (Le Neve, *Chichester*, p.35), all dio. Salisbury.

Absent and without proctor at visitation of Beverley chapter in June 1442 and declared contumacious (*Miscellanea*, ii, p.272).

- 1451–64 Mag. ELIAS HOLCOTE. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 3 March 1451 (Reg. Kempe, f.72). Vac. on death by 26 Aug.1464 (Reg. W. Booth, f.59v.).

Fellow of Exeter Coll., Oxford, in 1406, still 1413; of Merton Coll. c.1414, still 1425, subwarden 1422–5, warden 1438–55 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.945–6).¹⁵

C. of York and p. of Bilton 1449–64 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.34). C. of Southwell and p. of North Leverton 1444–5 (Reg. Kempe, ff.53, 55).

Elsewhere held briefly prebends in St Paul's, London, and Hereford, and several widely scattered rectories, retaining at death only his recently acquired rectory of Saham Toney, dio. Norwich (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1464–? Mag. ROGER RADCLIFFE. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 26 Aug.1464 (Reg. W. Booth, f.59v.). Vac. probably on death between 23 and 29 July 1471 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.469).

For fuller notice see under Prebendaries of St Stephen's Altar, below p.95.

- ?–1475 Mag. PETER COURTENAY. P. of St James's Altar, probably succeeding Roger Radcliffe who died July 1471 (see above). Vac. on res. by 6 Feb.1475 when William Dudley had coll. (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.6v.).

3rd son of Sir Philip Courtenay of Powderham.¹⁶ BCL Oxford by 1457. Studied law at Cologne and Padua 1457–61, possibly DCnL of latter. Incorporated DCnL Oxford 1478 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.499–500). Notary Public by 1463 (*CPL*, xi, p.654). Proctor general of Edward IV at *Curia* and nuncio of Pope Pius II to Edward 1463

¹⁵ Holcote was a younger contemporary at Oxford of Archbishop Kempe, his chief patron and himself a former fellow and bursar of Merton.

¹⁶ A family of traditional Lancastrian sympathies—shared at length by Peter Courtenay, despite his service and promotion under Edward IV. He was forced to flee to France following the abortive West Country rising of 1483 against Richard III. Returning to England with Henry, earl of Richmond, he was present at Bosworth Field in 1485.

(*ibid.*, pp.651, 654). Secretary to Henry VI 1470–1, to Edward IV 1472–4 (*CPR 1467–77* pp.228, 330, 332, 439). Apptd king's councillor 1485. Keeper of privy seal 1485–7. Bp of Exeter 1478–87, of Winchester 1487–92.

St James's prebend is his only known preferment in North, but on cons. resigned deaneries of Exeter and St Stephen's, Westminster, archdeaconry of Wiltshire, prebends in Salisbury and Lincoln, and several lesser benefices (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1475–6 Mag. WILLIAM DUDLEY. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 6 Feb.1475 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.6v.) Vac. on cons. as bp of Durham Sept. or Oct.1476.

Younger son of John, Lord Dudley. Dean of Chapel Royal from 1471, and of Windsor 1473–6. Chancellor to Queen Elizabeth Woodville. Bp of Durham 1476–83 (C. Ross, *Edward IV*, 1974, pp.185, 230, 320–1). Chancellor of Oxford University 1483 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.599–600).

C. of York and p. of Apesthorpe 1466–70, of Stillington 1470–6 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.30, 80).

Resigned vast preferment elsewhere on cons. including deaneries of Wolverhampton, Chapel Royal, St George's, Windsor, and Free Chapel of Bridgnorth, archdeaconry of Middlesex, and prebends in Salisbury, Chichester and Wells. (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).¹⁷

- 1476–7 Mag. ROBERT BOOTH. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 27 Oct.1476 (Reg. L. Booth, f.251v.). Vac. on coll. to P. of St Andrew's Altar 14 Feb.1477 (*ibid.*, f.252).

For fuller notice see under Prebendaries of St Andrew's Altar, above p.31–2.

- 1477–85 Mag. THOMAS PORTINGTON. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 14 Feb.1477 (Reg. L. Booth, f.252). Vac. on death between 11 June and 13 July 1485 (Reg. *Rotherham*, i, p.95).

Son and heir of Sir John Portington, justice of the king's bench, of Portington ER. Friend, clk and executor of Arbp Laurence Booth (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.248–50). Residentiary and benefactor of York 1481–5 (Dobson, op.cit., JEH 30, pp.155, 174). MA Cambridge by 1454¹⁸ (T. Burton, *History of Hemingbrough*, 1888, p.71).

C. of York and p. of Apesthorpe 1470–6, treasurer 1477–85 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.14, 30). R. of Goodmanham ER 1472–3 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.251–2). Elsewhere in Yorkshire, but in franchise of Durham: p. of

¹⁷ Much of this preferment came in recognition of his staunch support of Edward IV, whom he joined with 150 men after the latter's landing at Ravenser in Holderness. In the four months following the battle of Barnet (14 April 1471) he received at least five substantial dignities and prebends. He celebrated the mass of our Lady at the king's funeral on 20 April 1483, rather more than six months before his own death (29 Nov.).

¹⁸ Portington is omitted from Emden, *Cambridge*.

Osmotherley 1443–58, c. and 3rd p. of Hemingbrough 1447–58,¹⁹ provost 1458–71 (Burton, *op.cit.*, pp.71–2).

In addition p. of Lincoln 1471–85 (Le Neve, p.96), r. of Blyborough, dio. Lincoln, 1453–8, warden of Free Chapel of Charing, dio. London, ?–1458 (Burton, *loc.cit.*), r. of Shillington, dio. Lincoln, ?–1485 (Mill Stephenson, *A List of Monumental Brasses*, p.11).

- 1485–90 Mag. THOMAS CHAUNDLER. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 13 July 1485 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.95). Vac. on death 2 Nov.1490 (*ibid.*, p.99; Mill Stephenson, *op.cit.*, p.174).

Fellow of New Coll., Oxford, 1437–50. Warden of Winchester Coll. 1450–4. Warden of New Coll. 1454–75. Chancellor of Oxford University 1457–61, 1472–9. Dean of Hereford 1482–90. DTh c.1455. Chaplain to king in 1472 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.398–9).

C. of York and p. of Bole 1467–90, chancellor 1467–86 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.9, 36). C. of Southwell and p. of South Muskham 1476–85 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.148–9, 157; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.95).

Besides deanery of Hereford and two northern prebends held at death another in Wells and rectory of Childrey, dio. Salisbury (Emden, *Oxford*, *loc.cit.*).

The North saw little of this distinguished humanist. Rather it was Hereford which was favoured by his residence on retirement from Oxford. He was buried in the cathedral under a fine memorial brass (Mill Stephenson, *loc.cit.*).

- 1490–3 Mag. OLIVER KING. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 18 Nov.1490 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.99). Vac. on cons. as bp of Exeter 3 Feb.1493 (*ibid.*, p.102).

Fellow of King's Coll., Cambridge, 1452, vac. before 1465 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.343–4). Clk of signet 1473–5; French secretary 1476–80; secretary to Edward IV and Edward V 1480–3, to Henry VII 1487–95 (J. Otway-Ruthven, *The King's Secretary and the Signet Office in the Fifteenth Century*, 1939, pp.102–4, 155–6, 178–9). Bp of Exeter 1493–5, of Bath and Wells 1495–1503. DCL by 1481.

C. of York and p. of Botevant 1480–8, of Fridaythorpe 1488–90 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.38, 51). C. of Southwell and p. of Beckingham 1480–93 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.148–9, 154).

¹⁹ Although it is strictly irrelevant to Beverley a letter of 1447 from William Ebchester, prior of Durham, to Sir John Portington, granting the 3rd prebend in Hemingbrough to our Thomas Portington, provides an interesting insight into the inner workings of patronage in the mid-fifteenth century: 'And plesse it yow to wete that my right wirshipfull lorde Cardinall of York [Archbishop Kempe] sen the tyme I spake with yow, wrate to me full specially for a prebend in Hemmyngburgh, now woide by the dede of Robert Pacocke, for a clerke of his callide Sr Randalfe Birde, whilke lettre nothwythstandyng, and also grett labour maide to me and my brether by right notabill persons for the same prebends, yhitt for alde affeccion that has been bitwix us, and grete gentillesse shewid to me by yow att all tymes, trustyng alway in youre good contynuaunce, I sende yow by my brether Thomas Holme, the berer of this, a presentacion for your son to the saide prebend, besekyng yow thatt yhe will excuse me to my Lorde Cardinall of Yorke, that he be nott hevvy lorde to me...' (Burton, *op.cit.*, pp.382–3).

In addition, his cons. left vacant archdeaconries of Oxford, Berkshire and Taunton, deanery of St Chad's, Shrewsbury, and prebends in St Paul's, London, Exeter, St Stephen's, Westminster, and probably St George's, Windsor (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

One of a number of distinguished clks who, having suffered under Richard III,²⁰ earned and received the gratitude of Henry VII.

- 1493–
1502 ADRIANO DE CASTELLO (DE CORNETO). P. of St James's Altar, coll. 18 Sept. 1493 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.102). Vac. on cons. as bp of Hereford by May 1502 (*Reg. Savage*, f.22).

Bp of Hereford 1502–4, of Bath and Wells 1504–18. Cardinal priest of St Chrysogonus from 1511.

P. of St Paul's, London, 1492–?1502 (*Le Neve*, p.34).

Born of humble parents at Corneto in Tuscany, he first came to Britain as papal nuncio to Scotland in 1488, and remained as collector of Peter's Pence. He acted as Henry VII's agent at the *Curia* both before and after his permanent return to Rome in 1511, in all serving English interests there for 20 years. Wolsey secured his deprivation of Bath and Wells in 1518. His visits to the diocese had been rare, his affairs having been managed by his fellow countryman, Polydore Vergil (*Castellensis*), his former deputy collector, who was archdeacon of Wells 1508–46.

- 1502–8 ROBERT CASTELLENSIS (MUNCEO). P. of St James's Altar, coll. 19 May 1502 (*Reg. Savage*, f.22). Vac. by 6 Nov. 1508 when William Lichfield had coll. (see below).

P. of Hereford ?–1508 (*Le Neve*, p.51).

Possibly kinsman, certainly fellow-countryman, of Adriano de Castello and/or Polydore Vergil. Probably died 1508.

- 1508–
?1517 Mag. WILLIAM LICHFIELD. P. of St James's Altar, coll. 6 Nov. 1508 (*Reg. Bainbridge*, f.52). Vac. probably on death by 24 Nov. 1517 (*Le Neve*, *St Paul's, London*, p.19).

Commissary general of bp of London 1489²¹; keeper of spiritualities, dio. London *sede vacante* 1501–2, 1504; vicar general of bp of London 1504–5. Chaplain to Henry VII and Henry VIII, by 1504, still 1512. DCL Oxford 1485 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1145–6).

Chancellor and p. of St Paul's, p. of St Stephen's, Westminster, and v. of Willesden, in dio. London, at death. (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit., where Beverley preferment is omitted).

²⁰ Dismissed from his secretaryship by Richard, he was imprisoned for a time in the Tower.

²¹ In April 1489, when he was appointed, the see was vacant following the death of Thomas Kempe. His initial office was probably that of keeper of spiritualities.

Possibly in 1517, and again after 1526 Mag. THOMAS LARKE. Probably p. of St James's Altar for a period after death of Lichfield Nov. 1517, and possibly again after death of Thomas Dalby, who died in possession of this prebend 26 Jan. 1526.²²

Brother of Cardinal Wolsey's mistress. Devoted servant and confessor to Wolsey c. 1511–30 (A.E. Pollard, *Wolsey*, 1965 edn, pp. 306–7). Chaplain of Henry VIII in 1511 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, i, p. 303). Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 1517–25 (Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, pt 1, iii, p. 48).

P. of St Stephen's, Westminster, 1511–? (*L and P, Henry VIII*, i, loc. cit.), of Lincoln 1514–? 17 (Le Neve, p. 128), of Salisbury 1517–18 (Le Neve, p. 66). Dean of Chichester 1517–18 (Le Neve, p. 6). Archd. of Sudbury 1517–22, of Norwich 1522–8 (Le Neve, *MC*, pp. 28, 32). R. of Kettering, dio. Lincoln, 1512–15 (Venn, loc. cit.) of West Dereham, dio. Norwich, by 1520 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, no. 2936).

He was with Wolsey at Southwell, and died there 20 July 1530 (*ibid.*).

?–1526 Mag. THOMAS DALBY. P. of St James's Altar at death 26 Jan. 1526²³ (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no. 2001).

'Treasurer of the household of Thomas Savage, formerly Archbishop of York, chaplain and counsellor of the most illustrious King Henry VII, and of the most serene and all-powerful King Henry VIII, and Dean of the chapel of the most illustrious Prince, the Duke of Richmond and Somerset' (From Latin epitaph in York Minster, F. Drake, *Eboracum*, pp. 448, 488, 502–3).

Provost of Beverley 1503–26 (*BCA*, ii, pp. xciv–xcv; see above, pp. 11–12). C. of York and p. of South Newbald 1506–7, of Stillington 1507–26, archd. of Richmond 1506–26 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp. 27, 72, 80). C. of Southwell and p. of North Leverton 1505–26 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp. 151–2). V. of Normanton ?–1499 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p. 130).

Held several benefices in dio. Lincoln whilst presumably studying law at Oxford (BCL by 1499, DCnL 1500), but relinquished them all within few years of entering dio. York in service of Thomas Savage c. 1501 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p. 533).

²² In a list of East Riding clergy and their benefices, dated Feb. 1526 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no. 2001), Larke features as a pensioner of St James's prebend, receiving its income in its entirety. Mr Thomas Dalby, *prebendarius etc. Jacobi nichil quia solvit integros fructos in pensione*. In the normal course of events Larke would have had to occupy the prebend himself, if only for a brief time, in order to acquire this pension, resigning it in favour of Dalby, for whom, as provost, it would be worthwhile in that it ensured a place in chapter. Dalby had in fact died at the end of Jan., and it would be interesting to learn what arrangement was reached with his successor. It may be that Larke then took over or repossessed the prebend. Certainly no protégé of Wolsey was likely to relinquish lightly a £26 pension.

²³ Dalby was said to have held a prebend in Beverley as early as 1509, when he and Thomas Magnus (below, pp. 96–7) were executors of Archbishop Savage (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp. 308–23; *BCA*, ii, p. xciv). This is probably correct, for he was provost from 1503. Obviously he cannot have held St James's earlier than 1517, but he could have transferred from either St Peter's or St Stephen's. The latter is the more likely, not least because it was worth less than St James's, whereas St Peter's was by this time Beverley's richest prebend. St Stephen's fell vacant on 27 Oct. 1504 with the consecration of Richard Mayew, and the succession prior to 1525 is unclear (below, pp. 97–8).

By 1535–1548 Mag. WILLIAM CLIFTON. P. of St James's Altar in 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.131). Undoubtedly same as 'William Clyseton' in Chantry Certificate of 1548 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, SS, 92, p.526).

Protégé of Cardinal Wolsey. His vicar general in province of York in 1523. DCL and DCnL Oxford by 1517 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.443). Possibly residentiary of Beverley, as well as of York.²⁴ Died c.1548.

Succentor of York 1522–9, subdean 1529–48 (*ibid.*; Le Neve, *NP*, p.17).

Wolsey's influence secured for him rectories of Surfleet and Bratoft, dio. Lincoln, in 1508, which he still retained 1535 (*Valor*, iv, pp.49, 90). In addition r. of Muston, dio. Lincoln from 1514 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.; M. Bowker, *The Secular Clergy in the Diocese of Lincoln 1495–1520*, 1968, pp.81, 195, 206, 209).

²⁴ Clifton attended chapter meetings at York 'fairly regularly' between 1529 and 1546 (*York Clergy Wills 1520–1600: 1 Minster Clergy*, ed. Claire Cross (Borthwick Texts and Calendars 10, 1984), p.80). That he may also have contrived to qualify for residence at Beverley is suggested by the request in his will that 'yf yt shall please God to take me to his mercye at Beverley then I will be buried before the altar of Saint James within the college church of Beverley' (*ibid.*).

The Prebend of St Martin's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St Martin's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d.
Thraves	Major renders	£ 17 0s. 8d.	
	Pensions	£ 2 15s. 0d.	£ 19 15s. 8d.
Tithes	Re Chapel of St Mary	£ 5 5s. 10d.	
	Re Chapel above Charnel	£ 2 6s. 4d.	£ 7 12s. 2d.
Rents	Beverley Town	£ 3 5s. 0d.	
	Molescroft	£ 7 6s. 3d.	
	Etton	£ 1 18s. 0d.	£ 12 9s. 3d.
	Gross Value		£ 47 11s. 1d.
Less Pension to St Mary's prebend		£ 2 13s. 4d. ²	
Payment to vicar of Chapel of St Mary		£ 3 6s. 8d.	
Fee to receiver of the prebend		£ 2 0s. 0d.	£ 8 0s. 0d.
	VALUE CLEAR		£ 39 11s. 1d.

The Act Book gives a unique and detailed account of the revenues of this prebend and their sources in 1308.³ Re-arranged for comparison with the above, they were as follows:

Corrody			£ 13 0s. 0d.
Thraves	Major renders	£ 28 7s. 0d. ⁴	
	Pensions	£ 2 10s. 0d.	£ 30 17s. 0d.
Tithes	Beverley	£ 5 0s. 0d.	
	Lent tithes	£ 20 0s. 0d.	£ 25 0s. 0d.
Rents	Molescroft	£ 6 13s. 10d.	
	Etton	£ 4 4s. 1d.	£ 10 17s. 11d.
	Gross value		£ 79 14s. 11d.

Statutory outgoings are not given in this valuation, but they are known to have been

Lenten tithes etc. to vicar of			
Chapel of St Mary		£ 13 6s. 8d. ⁵	
Further payment to vicar of Chapel			
of St Mary		£ 6 13s. 4d.	
Pension to St Mary's prebend		£ 2 13s. 4d. ⁶	£ 22 13s. 4d.
	VALUE CLEAR		£ 57 1s. 7d.

¹ *Valor*, v, p.130.

² 8s. in the *Valor* is demonstrably a mistake.

³ *BCA*, i, pp.215-17.

⁴ The sources of St Martin's thraves are omitted in the *Valor*, but in 1308 they are seen to have been: Etton £2 0s. 0d., Goodmanham £1 10s. 0d., Londesborough £3 0s. 0d., Easthorpe £1 10s. 0d., Bugthorpe £1 10s. 0d., Kiplingcotes 1s. 0d., Burnby £2 0s. 0d., Fridaythorpe £1 14s. 0d., Market Weighton £3 6s. 8d., Greghes £1 0s. 0d., Shipton £2 15s. 0d., Everingham £2 0s. 0d., Harswell 5s. 0d., Holme-on-Spalding-Moor £2 0s. 0d., Kilnwick 13s. 4d., Beswick 16s. 0d., Seaton Ross £1 4s. 0d., Hotham 12s. 0d., Gribthorpe 10s. 0d., Harlthorpe 10s. 0d., Ellerton £1 4s. 0d., Aughton 12s. 0d. Pensions: Bridlington £1 13s. 4d., Scrayingham 6s. 8d., Langton 2s. 0d., Norton 2s. 0d., Wharram Percy 2s. 0d., Skirpenbeck 2s. 0d., Darkthorpe 2s. 0d.

Bridlington paid only a moiety of its full dues, following an agreement between the provost and chapter and the Augustinian canons of Bridlington in the mid-twelfth century. This payment, which probably includes the dues of Ganton, Willerby and

Hunmanby, was in part fixed then at 13s. 4d., which probably explains why it remained so low (*EYC*, i, pp.97–8).

⁵ For Archbishop Giffard's ordination of the vicarage of St Mary in 1269 see *BCA*, i, p.195.

⁶ See under St Mary's prebend (*Valor*, v, p.131; below, p.59). This was one of the unvarying inter-prebendal pensions already being paid in the Act Book period.

Prebendaries of St Martin's Altar

?–1265 WALTER DE GRAY. C. of Beverley and p. probably of St Martin's Altar,¹ almost certainly from before death of Arbp Gray 1 May 1255. Vac. on deprivation by 5 Nov.1265 when p. granted to Godfrey Giffard (*CPR* 1258–66, pp.498–9).

Nephew of Arbp Gray (*Reg. Gray*, p.256; *Reg. Wickwane*, p.339). Possibly arbp's justice at Hexham 1230, still 1237 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.235, 248–9).²

C. of York and p. of Masham by 1249–65 (*Reg. Gray*, p.261n.; *CPR* 1258–66, p.498). C. of Southwell and p. of ? by 1255–65 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.339–40; *CPR* 1258–66, p.523). R. of Seamer 1235–71 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.68, 77; *Whitby Chartulary*, i, SS, 69, nos.306–8; *Reg. Giffard*, p.57), of Gargrave by 1252–71 (*Reg. Gray*, p.113; *Reg. Giffard*, pp.34–5).

The loss of his prebends in York, Beverley and Southwell at the end of 1265, and a grant of safe conduct to stand trial in the king's court 19 Jan.1266,³ probably place him among 'the disinherited' who had adhered to the cause of Simon de Montfort. He died 11 Nov.1271 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.34).⁴

1265–8 Mag. GODFREY GIFFARD. Recd p. vac. following deprivation of Walter de Gray, probably of St Martin's Altar, by royal grant 5 Nov.1265, see

¹ Gray's tenure of St Martin's is nowhere explicit, but seems most probable. He was certainly succeeded at Beverley by Godfrey Giffard, whose consecration in 1268 coincided with the arrival in the diocese, as official of York, of Gilbert de St Leofard, who appears as prebendary of St Martin's in 1269 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.2; *BCA*, i, pp.194–5). Status and connections qualified both Gray and Giffard for what was then the richest prebend.

² This is dependent upon his identification (accepted by Clay, *YMF*, ii, p.53) as Walter called 'Britton', clerk, nephew of Archbishop Gray, who, on his uncle's petition, was granted a papal dispensation to hold an additional benefice or dignity 23 Nov.1254 (*CPL*, i, p.308). It may be that an alias was deemed expedient to distinguish him from his cousin, Sir Walter de Gray, kt, son of Sir Robert de Gray of Rotherfield, by then established in Yorkshire. Since the latter appears to have been the archbishop's only brother, Walter, the canon, must have been the son of a sister, possibly of Eva de Gray (*Reg. Gray*, pp.227, 251).

Clay declines to identify Walter le Breton, former canon of York, whose houses in Goodramgate, York, were at Arbp Giffard's disposal in 1269 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.2), as Walter de Gray alias 'Britton' on the grounds that the latter died in 1271 (*YMF*, ii, p.90), but this objection is diminished by the knowledge that Gray had been deprived of all his prebends in 1265. Walter Briton, presumably the archbishop's justice, was instituted rector of Weaverthorpe in 1244 (*Reg. Gray*, p.94).

³ *CPR* 1258–66, p.537; 1266–72, p.39.

⁴ Though listed in Emden, *Oxford* (ii, p.808), where his Beverley and Southwell preferences are omitted, Gray is nowhere described as 'magister'. For the fullest account of him see C.T. Clay, *YMF*, ii, pp.52–3.

being vac. following death of Arbp Ludham (*CPR* 1258–66, pp.498–9). Vac. on cons. as bp of Worcester 23 Sept.1268.

Younger brother of Arbp Walter Giffard. Member of royal household from boyhood (*CPR* 1266–72, p.238). Chancellor of exchequer in 1266 (*CPR* 1258–66, p.594). Chancellor of England 1267–8 (Tout, *Chapters*, vi, p.5). Bp of Worcester 1268–1302.

C. of York and p. of Dunnington 1266–8, archd. of York 1267–8 (*CPR* 1258–66, p.557; *Reg. Giffard*, p.154). R. of Adlingfleet 1267–8 (*ibid.*, pp.9n., 20).

Also relinquished archdeaconry of Wells and prebends in Wells and Exeter on cons. (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.761–2).

By 1269–
1288 Mag. GILBERT DE ST LEOFARD. P. of St Martin's Altar by 23 Dec.1269 (*BCA*, i, pp.194–5). Vac. on cons. as bp of Chichester 5 Sept.1288.

Clk of Ottobuons, papal legate, in 1266 (*CPR* 1258–66, p.571). Official of York 1268, vac. by 1274⁵ (*Reg. Giffard*, p.2 *et passim*). Vicar-general of Arbp Giffard 1274 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, pp.46–7). Collector of subsidy for 'disinherited' before 1280 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.241, 260). Official of Canterbury 1282–8 (D.L. Douie, *Archbishop Pecham*, 1952, p.62). Bp of Chichester 1288–1305, where he left the memory of a saintly life and an exemplary bishop.⁶ MA Oxford by 1260 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1628). Died 12 Feb.1305.

R. of Kirk Ella 1274–? (*Reg. Giffard*, pp.286, 287).

Res. treasurership of Chichester, p. in Wells and rectories of Hollingbourne and Boughton-under-Blean (both dio. Canterbury) on cons.

1288–90 BONIFACE OF AOSTA (AUGUSTA). P. of St Martin's Altar after 5 Sept.1288.⁷ Vac. on cons. as bp of Sion c.April 1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.384–5).

Native of Aosta in northern Piedmont. King's clk in 1287 (*BCA*, ii, p.154). Doubtless one of residue of Savoyard connection, first introduced to England by Eleanor of Provence and by her uncle Boniface of Savoy, arbp of Canterbury 1245–70. Bp of Sion from 1290.⁸

1290–
1304 Aymo de Carto (Quarto). P. of St Martin's Altar by papal provision, arbp's mandate to induct 24 April 1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.384–5).

⁵ A 'Mr W.' features as official this year (*Reg. Giffard*, p.287).

⁶ *Flores Historiarum*, ed. H.R. Luard (RS) iii, p.129. Said in *DNB* to have come from St Liffard, nr Meung-sur-Loire, Loiret, he could nevertheless be described as 'acolyte of the diocese of Lincoln' in 1253 (*CPL*, i, p.303).

⁷ The date of St Leofard's consecration. On 26 Sept.1287 Boniface had been granted St Stephen's prebend on the strength of a papal provision (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.369), thereby becoming a tool in Arbp Romeyn's *cause célèbre* with Robert de Scarborough, dean of York, who had occupied the prebend for many years (see below, pp.90–1). Scarborough resisted strongly, and St Stephen's only became available on the settlement of the wider dispute in 1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.385; *BCA*, ii, p.160).

⁸ Sion is on the upper Rhône in the canton of Valais, some 50 miles north of Aosta. Peter of Aosta (Augusta), archdeacon of Lyons, who resigned the church of Rotherham Sept.1287 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.78–9) was possibly Boniface's brother.

BCA, ii, p.160). Vac. on deprivation c.23 May 1304⁹ (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.30; BCA, i, pp.16–17, 19, 27).

Kinsman of counts of Geneva. Described both as papal chaplain and king's clk. Bp of Geneva 1304–11¹⁰ (BCA, i, p.20; ii, p.xlviii).

Provost of Beverley 1295–1304 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.22–3; BCA, i, p.27; see above, p.7).

His other preferments, known to Arbp Corbridge in March 1304, were the precentorship of Lyons, the provostship of Lausanne and a prebend in Dungarvan, dio. Lismore, in southern Ireland (BCA, i, p.7).

1304–21 Mag. JOHN DE NASSINGTON.¹¹ P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 3 June 1304 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.30), adm. 5 June 1304 *ex collatione Domini Thomae Archiepiscopi Eboracensis necnon ex collatione Domini Regis* (BCA, i, p.27). Re-grant by king 17 June 1305, 'the prebend being in his hands by reason of the voidance of the see' (*CPR 1301–1307*, p.365). Vac. on res. c.3 July 1321, 'a half year before his death' 2 Feb. 1322 (BCA, i, p.392; ii, p.1).¹²

⁹ The grounds for his deprivation were twofold: (1) failure to take priest's orders as his prebend, according to statute, required; (2) lack of dispensation to hold more than one cure of souls (BCA, i, p.7). It was, in the event, no more than a formality, for Arbp Corbridge already knew of Aymo's election as bp of Geneva, the news having reached him by 1 May (*ibid.*, p.15). On the day the arbp informed the pope of the deprivation John de Nassington who, as official, had been much involved in the proceedings, had collation of the prebend (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, pp.30, 112; BCA, ii, p.200), as did Robert de Abberwick of the provostship (*ibid.*, p.201). The purpose of the exercise appears to have been to ensure that the right of presentation to these two plums rested with Corbridge, and not with the pope.

¹⁰ 'As Bishop of Geneva Aymo merely entered on a family living, being the third Aymo of the same line: Aymo I, 1215–1260; Aymo II 1268–1304; while Aymo III, our ex-Provost, was consecrated 5 October 1304. One of the same family, Aymo, precentor of Geneva, son of the late Count of Geneva was, by mandate of Pope Alexander IV, directed to the Archbishop of Vienne, to be admitted Bishop of Viviers' (BCA, ii, p.xlviii).

¹¹ A senior member of a large clerical family, first introduced to the York diocese by Arbp Romeyn who, perhaps significantly, had held the Lincoln prebend of Nassington from c.1279 until his consecration in 1286. Mag. Robert de Nassington was Romeyn's household clk by Dec.1293 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.136), and thereafter at least nine of his kinsmen found preferment or employment in the diocese. The present John de Nassington features from the outset as official of York in Dec.1299, acting also as commissary of the dean and chapter during the vacancy in the see prior to Corbridge's consecration (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.321, 325). Emden (*Oxford*, ii, pp.1337–8) successfully distinguishes him from two namesakes, though mistakenly gives the year of his death as 1317.

¹² Throughout the fourteenth century possession of St Martin's was retained within a closely knit circle, representing two great clerical factions. (1) The Nassingtons and Northburghs, who originated in villages fifteen miles apart in the soke of Peterborough. Evidence of their kinship is hard to find, but there is no doubting their close association or their members' promotion of each other's advancement in more than one diocese. (2) In 1363 the prebend passed by exchange to a key figure in the second faction, Richard de Ravenser. The ties which linked the Ravensers with the Ferribys and the Walthams, and also with the Meltons, Thoresbys and de la Mares are well established (L.H. Butler, 'Archbishop Melton, his neighbours and his kinsmen', *JEH*, ii, 1951, pp.54–68; J.L. Grassi, 'Royal clerks from the Archdiocese of York in the fourteenth century', *Northern History*, v, 1970, pp.12–33). Certainly the ingenuity and influence of a succession of clerks, linked by family ties or royal service, effectively removed St Martin's from the reach of provisors and predators for 112 years, save for a brief and extraordinary interlude in the 1380s (see below, p.51).

Official of York under Arbps Corbridge and Greenfield 1299–1315 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.1 *et passim*; *Reg. Greenfield*, *passim*). Vicar general of Arbp Greenfield 1310 (*ibid.*, v, pp.191–8). Described as king's clk 1305 (*CPR*, *loc.cit.*).

C. of York and p. of South Newbald 1309–12, of Bole 1312–22 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.34, 71). R. of Brayton 1301, still 1315 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.44; *Reg. Greenfield*, ii, p.203), of Rudston 1317–? (*ibid.*, v, pp.269–70).

One of the most astute and active administrators in the York diocese of his day. In a letter dated 29 May 1306 Arbp Greenfield requested the chapter to ensure his corrody in the bedern, though absent—*prae ceteris clericis nostris, tanquam is qui pro nobis pondus et aestus habet jugiter supportare, nostris et ecclesiae nostrae continue noscatur utilitatibus insudare, sicque ex ecclesiastica remuneratione merito gaudere debeat* (*BCA*, i, p.136). He appears to have retired in 1315, spending much of his remaining years in his refurbished prebendal house (*BCA*, i, pp.324, 327 *et passim*).

- 1321–5 Mag. ROBERT DE NORTHBURGH. P. of St Martin's Altar, adm. on papal provision 5 Sept.1321 (*BCA*, i, pp.393–4)¹³ Vac. on exch. with Roger de Nassington for rectory of Houghton, dio. Lincoln, 26 July 1325 (*ibid.*, ii, p.75).

R. of Houghton, dio. Lincoln 1325–? (*ibid.*).

A student in Orleans in 1323 he sought the chapter's cooperation in the lease of his prebend (*ibid.*, pp.34, 41), but was admitted in person 17 Feb.1324 (*ibid.*, pp.43–4) and appears to have resided for a brief period (*ibid.*, pp.47, 62). Mag. by 1321 (*ibid.*, i, p.393).

- 1325–63 Mag. ROGER DE NASSINGTON. P. of St Martin's Altar, adm. 26 July 1325, following exch. with Robert de Northburgh for rectory of Houghton, dio. Lincoln (*BCA*, ii, p.75). Vac. on exch. with Richard de Ravenser for p. of Welton Brinkhall in Lincoln (*CPR* 1361–64, p.456; Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.123).

King's clk by 1322, still 1354 (*CPL*, ii, p.225; *CPR* 1354–58, p.28). Dead by March 1364.

Warden of St Mary Magdalen's Hospital, Southwell, 1363–4 (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.123).

P. of Hereford 1317 (Le Neve, p.39), of Lincoln 1318–?1320, again 1363 (Le Neve, pp.94, 123), of Wells ?1322–64 (Le Neve, p.18), of Lichfield 1328–9, chancellor 1329–64 (Le Neve, pp.9, 32). R. of Castor 1317–21, of Houghton 1321–5, of Steeple Gidding in 1326, all dio. Lincoln (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1338).

- 1363–86 RICHARD DE RAVENSER. P. of St Martin's Altar, 3 Aug.1363, on exch. with Roger de Nassington for p. of Welton Brinkhall in Lincoln (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.123; *CPR* 1361–64, p.456). Deprived by Arbp Alexander Neville Aug.1381 (*Reg. A. Neville*, i, f.65v.), but deprivation not recognised outside arbp's circle (see Anthony de St Quintin, below). Vac. on death May 1386 (*BCA*, ii, p.lxix; Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.6).

¹³ A papal faculty was issued as early as Sept.1319 to facilitate Nassington's resignation, and to give the prebend 'to some fit person' (*CPL*, i, p.200).

Relative of Arbp Thoresby¹⁴ and favoured clk of Edward III.¹⁵ Keeper of hanaper 1357–79. Receiver of Isabella, queen-mother in 1358, and later of Queen Philippa (*CPR* 1354–58, p.609; 1358–61, pp.134, 223). Clk of Princess Isabella 1364 (*CPR* 1361–64, p.484). Master in chancery 1362–86 (*BCA*, ii, p.lxvii).

Provost of Beverley 1360–c.1368 (*CPR* 1358–61, p.460; *BCA*, ii, pp.lxvi–lxix; see above, p.9). C. of York and p. of Knaresborough 1371–81 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.60). Master of St Leonard's Hospital, York 1363–86¹⁶ (*CPR* 1361–64, p.331). C. of Howden and p. of Barnby 1363–6 (*YAJ*, xxv, p.252).

P. of Lincoln 1359–86, archd. of Lincoln by 1369–86 (Le Neve, pp.6, 49, 63, 123). P. of St Paul's, London, 1361–3 (Le Neve, p.42), of Abergwili 1361–3 (*CPR* 1361–64, p.135), of Hereford 1361–3 (Le Neve, p.50), of Salisbury 1362, c.1366–7 (Le Neve, pp.77, 82), of St Stephen's, Westminster 1366 (*YAJ*, xxv, p.252). R. of Anderby, dio. Lincoln, 1349–59, of Waltham, dio. Lincoln, 1359–60 (*ibid.*). Rural dean of Brooke ?–1359, of Depwade 1359–?, both dio. Norwich (*ibid.*).

As leader of the Beverley chapter's resistance to Arbp Neville in 1381 he bore the brunt of the latter's wrath (*BCA*, ii, pp.lxxv–lxxix, 202–65). Though there is no hint of animosity in their dealings as late as 1379, by early 1381 Ravenser regarded Neville as his mortal enemy (*capitalis inimicus*) (*ibid.*, p.220). Unlike several of his fellow canons he was well placed to resist, for, though deprived of his York and Beverley prebends, the bulk of his preferments, including St Leonard's Hospital (a royal foundation), were beyond the archbishop's reach. As the proceedings developed the dispute took on the character of a vendetta between the two. Given the volatile temperament of Neville, we probably need look no further than the formidable personality and connections of Ravenser for an explanation of their bitterness.

1381–
c.1388 Mag. ANTHONY DE ST QUINTIN. Invested with p. of St Martin's Altar by Arbp A. Neville 'by delivery of our biretta' 31 Aug.1381 (Reg. A. Neville, i, f.65v.). Adm. by arbp in person 2 Sept.1381¹⁷ (*ibid.*). Probably retained effective possession until fall of Neville 1388, though title never recognised by Crown, *Curia* or chapter.¹⁸

¹⁴ The Ravenser brothers (Richard, John and Thomas) were very probably sons of one of Thoresby's sisters, as was Mr John de Waltham, sub-dean of York and a close kinsman of John de Waltham, bp of Salisbury (*YAJ*, xxv, pp.251, 257–8, where the two Walthams are confused). The Ravensers and Waltham had a nephew in common in William de Waltham, canon of York and Beverley, implying that the Ravensers' sister married Waltham's brother (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.55; and see below, pp.52–3).

¹⁵ See W. Brown, 'Documents from the Record Office relating to Beverley' *ERAS*, v, 1897, pp.36–7.

¹⁶ The wealthiest hospital in England, the mastership being valued at £367 17s. 9½d. in 1535 (*Valor*, v, pp.17–18).

¹⁷ Nicholas of Louth, p. of St Katherine's Altar (see below, p.104), who had responded to the archbishop's summons to the 1381 visitation, having declined to admit him (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxviii).

¹⁸ In appointing St Quintin Neville had acted in defiance of a royal writ ordering him to stay proceedings until the matter could be brought to the king's court at Westminster (*BCA*, ii, pp.242–3). Consideration of the case at the *Curia* extended over at least a decade, but St Quintin's claim made little headway either before or after Ravenser's death. When, in Nov.1388, Thomas de Ferriby received provision it was explicitly stated that it was Ravenser (not St Quintin) whom he was succeeding (*CPL*, iv, pp.269–70; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxviii).

Member of ancient knightly family of St Quintin of Harpham and Brandesburton¹⁹ (*VCH, York, ER*, ii, pp.138–9, 225–7; *YAJ*, xii, pp.203–5, 211–16). Died 1431.

C. of York and p. of South Newbald 1384–5 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.71). R. of Settrington in 1386, of Hornsea by 1391–1425 (*CPL*, iv, p.412; *Reg. Waldby*, f.4).

In dio. Durham he was R. of Ford 1410–31, and v. of Gainford 1427–8 (*J.R. Walbran, The Antiquities of Gainford* 1846, p.77).

- 1388–98 THOMAS DE FERRIBY. P. of St Martin's Altar by papal provision 11 Nov. 1388 (*CPL*, iv, p.270), and by royal grant same year, see being vac. following flight of Arbp Neville (*CPR* 1385–89, p.400). Vac. on exch. with William de Waltham for p. of Teinton Regis in Salisbury 8 June 1398 (Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.91).

Nephew of William de Ferriby, archd. of Cleveland (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.104). Clk in chancery. Chancellor of Thomas of Woodstock, duke of Gloucester, in 1388 (*CPR* 1388–92, pp.375, 482; *CCR* 1389–92, p.497).

Collector of 'customs' on behalf of Appellants (*CCR* 1385–89, p.411; 1389–92, pp.128–9). Died 1432.

C. of York and p. of Apesthorpe²⁰ 1383–1403 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.29).

Archd. of Ely 1388–94 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.18). P. of Salisbury 1398–1432 (Le Neve, p.91), of St Martin-le-Grand, London, 1403–11 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.29; *B and W*, p.43), of St Paul's, London, 1411–20 (Le Neve, p.42), of Wells 1411–26 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.43). Warden of St Radegund's free chapel, St Paul's, London, 1426–?32 (*ibid.*). R. of Fordingbridge, dio. Salisbury, from 1394 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.18).

Sharing in the success of the Appellants in 1388, when he added the archdeaconry of Ely and a prebend in Beverley to his prebend in York, he suffered imprisonment after their fall in 1397 (*CPR* 1396–99, p.243; *CCR* 1396–99, pp.151, 155, 225, 233, 490). Thereafter all his preferments arose merely by exchange of these benefices. He was Thomas of Woodstock's executor and guardian of his daughters (*CCR* 1388–92, pp.375, 482; *CCR* 1399–1402, p.161).

- 1398–1416 Mag. WILLIAM DE WALTHAM. P. of St Martin's Altar 8 June 1398 on exch. with Thomas de Ferriby for p. of Teinton Regis in Salisbury (*CPR* 1396–99, p.324; *Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.56n.; Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.91). Vac. on death between 5 and 15 Oct. 1416 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.55–9; *Reg. Bowet*, ii, f.58).

¹⁹ In 1397 he occupied the manor of Haisthorpe, nr Burton Agnes (*Reg. Waldby*, f.4). Presumably this was in fact the manor of Thornholme associated with Haisthorpe, which descended in the St Quintin line down to the present century (*VCH, Yorks.*, *ER*, ii, p.110). For the Norman origins of the family and its establishment in the East Riding see C.T. Clay, *Early Yorkshire Families* (YAS Record Series, 135), pp.79–80; *EYC*, ix, pp.29–34).

²⁰ There is no evidence of Thomas de Ferriby being a York residentiary (cf. M. Aston, *Thomas Arundel*, 1967, p.317). Mag. Nicholas de Ferriby, p. of Stillington 1379–1404, was in residence towards the end of the century (Dean and Chapter York E1(11) Chamberlain's Roll no.18, 1393).

Nephew of Richard de Ravenser and Mr John de Waltham (see above, p.51n.). Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge c.1378–88; BCL (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.614). Clk in chancery; keeper of hanaper 1393–9, of great seal 1390 (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.215 and n., 442n., 488, 492n.; iv, p.63n.). Residentiary canon of York 1401–1416 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174).

Archd. of ER 1386–9, 1409–16; c. of York and p. of Dunnington 1393–9, of South Cave 1399–1416 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.22, 23, 43, 46).

Though he held at various times prebends in St Paul's, London, Salisbury, Wells, and Lincoln, his rich preferment in York dio. represented stable part of assets. Elsewhere he retained till death p. in Wilton conventual church, dio. Salisbury, wardenship of Stourbridge hospital, dio. Ely, and rectory of Algarkirk, dio. Lincoln (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit., where p. in Beverley omitted).

1416–42 HENRY BOWET. P. of St Martin's Altar from 7 Oct.1416 on res. of St Andrew's p. (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.58; see above p.28). Vac. on res. by 10 Nov.1442, when Stephen Wilton had coll. of p. (Reg. Kempe, f.48v.; *CPR* 1441–46, p.163).

Kinsman and executor of Arbp Henry Bowet²¹ (*MR*, ii, pp.213–14; *Test. Ebor.*, i, p.398).

C. of York and p. of Strensall 1413–14, of Laughton 1414–16, of South Cave 1416–22, of Masham 1422–47; archd. of ER 1416–18, of Richmond 1418–42 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.23, 26, 43, 65, 67, 81). C. of Southwell and p. of North Muskham 1414–16, of Oxton 1416, of Norwell Palishall 1420–42 (*Miscellanea*, ii, SS, 127, p.292). C. of Ripon and p. of Thorpe 1420–42 (*MR*, ii, loc.cit.). Sacrist of St Mary and the Holy Angels, York, 1416–22 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.232). Master of St John's hospital, Ripon, 1416 (*Miscellanea*, ii, loc.cit.).²²

P. of Hereford 1410–14 (Le Neve, p.36). R. of Wonson, dio. Exeter, ?–1416 (*Miscellanea*, ii, loc.cit.).

All preferments acquired during primacy of Arbp Bowet, after whose death nothing further heard of him until wholesale resignation of them in 1442. He did not die in this year as has been assumed (*Miscellanea*,

²¹ Probably a nephew. Born c.1385, he received a dispensation on account of illegitimacy in 1411 (*CPL*, vi, p.291).

²² Bowet appears to have received a block grant of William de Waltham's chief York preferments on the latter's death in 1416, receiving in that year his archdeaconry and prebends in York and Beverley. It may be that the Southwell prebend of Oxton had also belonged to Waltham. As an example of fifteenth-century nepotism and avarice Bowet's progress towards the richest prizes in York, Beverley and Southwell speaks for itself: York–Strensall £53 6s. 8d., Laughton £73 6s. 8d., South Cave £106 13s. 4d., Masham £153 6s. 8d.; Archdeaconry of East Riding £42 6s. 8d., of Richmond £200 (*York Minster Statutes*, p.42). Beverley–St Andrew's £27, St Martin's £45 (*BCA*, ii, pp.340–1). Southwell–N Muskham £14 approx., Oxton and Cropwell £18 approx., Norwell Palishall £23 approx.

ii, loc.cit.; *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.232), for p. Masham retained until 1447²³ (Reg. Kempe, f.60).

- 1442–57 Mag. STEPHEN WILTON. P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 10 Nov. 1442 (Reg. Kempe, f.48v.) Vac. on death between 4 June and 6 July 1457 (Reg. W. Booth, f.37v.; Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174).

Chancellor and executor of Cardinal Beaufort (*CPR* 1446–52, p.561; 1452–61, pp.67, 116). Engaged in diplomatic missions on continent and in Scotland 1432–42 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.2053–4). Residentiary of York 1450–7 (Dobson, loc.cit.).

Died at Beverley and buried in his chantry in Beverley Minster²⁴ (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, p.140; *CPR* 1452–61, p.250). DCnL by 1429 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.). Generous benefactor of both York and Beverley Minsters. Executor of Robert Rolleston, provost 1427–51 (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, p.140).

C. of York and p. of Thockrington 1434–41, of Strensall 1441–50, of South Cave 1450–7; archd. of Cleveland 1453–7 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.21, 43, 81, 83). R. of Bainton 1443–57, of Huggate 1443–6 (Reg. Kempe, ff.49v., 59; Reg. W. Booth, f.111v.).

At height of career also held prebends in Lincoln, Salisbury and St Paul's, London, and was in turn archd. of Stow, Salisbury and Winchester. For these and lesser benefices, which included rectories in four dioceses, see Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit., and A.H. Thompson, *Visitation of Religious Houses, Lincoln*, 1420–36, *CYS*, 17, pp.183–4.

- 1457–67 Mag. THOMAS BOOTH. P. of St Martin's Altar. Coll. 26 July 1457 (Reg. W. Booth, f.37v.; *Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.251). Vac. on res. by 30 Jan. 1467 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.4v.; Dade, p.21).

Nephew of Arbps William and Laurence Booth (*CPL*, xi, p.434). BCnL (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.80).

C. of York and p. of Ampleforth 1478–1501 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.29). C. of Ripon and p. of Nunwick 1463–78 (*MR* ii, p.196). R. of Halsham in Holderness by 1462 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, loc.cit.), of Carlton-in-Lindrick 1477–1501 (*ibid.*; Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.²⁵).

²³ The circumstances which induced a Bowet to relinquish so many of his assets in a single year must have been as weighty as they are at present obscure. The years 1442 and 1447 suggest association with Humphrey, duke of Gloucester and his wife, Eleanor Cobham. The latter was tried and imprisoned for life in 1441–2, a number of clerks of the Gloucester household suffering varying degrees of punishment, and Humphrey himself died in strange circumstances in 1447. Arbp Kempe and Cardinal Beaufort were Gloucester's chief political rivals, and it is to be noted that Bowet's successor in the archdeaconry of Richmond was the archbishop's nephew, Thomas Kempe, and in his Beverley prebend Beaufort's chancellor, Stephen Wilton. That Bowet was a marked man in 1442 is suggested by the special treatment he received in consequence of his absence without representation from a visitation of the Beverley chapter by William Felter, Kempe's commissary. Pronounced contumacious, his punishment was reserved to the archbishop (*Miscellanea*, ii, SS, 127, p.272).

²⁴ Licence to Stephen Wilton, clerk, to found a chantry in honour of Corpus Christi, the Annunciation of the Blessed Mary the Virgin, and St John of Beverley, to pray for the King, Margaret, Queen of England, the said Stephen, and Henry, late cardinal of England, 20 July 1455 (*CPR* 1452–61, loc.cit.; *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.535).

²⁵ Emden omits many of Booth's preferments, including that at Beverley.

Jan.—
March
1467 Mag. PETER TASTAR. P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 30 Jan. 1467 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.4v.). Vac. on death by 24 March 1467 (*ibid.*, f.5v.).

Native of Gascony. King's clk. Dean of St Severin, Bordeaux, 1445–60. Judge of court of sovereignty of Guyenne and royal councillor of Guyenne 1447–9. DCnL (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2220). Based in England after 1449, but employed in diplomatic missions in France, Burgundy and Spain 1461–7 (*ibid.*).

Provost of Beverley 1465–7 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, ff.2v., 5v.; *BCA*, ii, pp.xci–xcii; and see above, p.11).

His death also left vac. prebends in Lincoln, Salisbury and Exeter, and several substantial rectories, widely scattered in south of England (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Though frequently described as dean of St Severin in subsequent years, he lost effective possession in 1460, after the loss of Gascony, being recognised only in England.

1467–79 Mag. JOHN DE BURGH. P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 24 March, 1467 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.5v.). Vac. on death in Jan. 1479 (Reg. L. Booth, f.251).

Oxford theologian. Fellow of Balliol by 1445, still c.1453. BTh by 1465, DTh 1470 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.310).

C. of York and p. of Grindale 1465–7 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.55).

P. of Crediton, dio. Exeter, and r. of Chinnor, dio. Lincoln, at death.

Owed much of his preferment to George Neville, his junior contemporary at Balliol: first at Exeter, where he received the rectories of Ashprington and Axminster, in addition to his canonry in Crediton, and later at York, where his award of a prebend was among Neville's earliest collations.²⁶

1479–87 Mag. ROBERT MORTON. P. of St Martin's Altar, adm. 16 Jan. 1479 (Reg. L. Booth, f.251). Vac. on cons. as bp of Worcester 28 Jan. 1487 (Reg. *Rotherham*, i, p.97).

Nephew of John Morton, arbp of Canterbury (1486–1500). Master of the Rolls 1479–83, 1485–6. Bp of Worcester 1486–97.

C. of York and p. of Thockrington 1462–7, of Knaresborough 1481–7 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.61, 83).

Modest prior to Edward IV's restoration in 1471, his preferments thereafter included the archdeaconries of Winchester and Gloucester, and prebends in Lincoln, St Paul's, London, Salisbury and St George's, Windsor. Despite his flight after the accession of Richard III, and the sequestration of his Salisbury prebend, he retained his preferments

²⁶ Neville's association with his university remained close throughout his episcopate and is reflected in the recipients of his favour. Out of 31 collations at York and Beverley 20 were of Oxford clerks (against 6 Cambridge men and 5 non-graduates), among them 2 chancellors, 4 heads of colleges, 2 fellows of Balliol, and, among those holding higher degrees, almost as many theologians as lawyers.

intact, returning to favour and high office under Henry VII. For a full list of his benefices see Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1320–1.

- 1487–99 Mag. HENRY CARNBULL. P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 5 March 1487 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.97). Vac. on transfer to p. of St Andrew's Altar by 25 Aug.1499²⁷ (*ibid.*, p.107).

For fuller notice see under Prebendaries of St Andrew's Altar, above p.32.

- 1499–
1500 Mag. JOHN HOOL (HOLE). P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 25 Aug.1499 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.107²⁸). Vac. on death by 7 Nov.1500 (*CPR 1494–1509*, pp.222, 243).

Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge 1490–7 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.310–11). BCnL by 1499 (*Reg. Rotherham*, loc.cit.).

C. of York and p. of Riccall 1496–7; archd. of Cleveland 1497, of ER 1497–1500 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.21, 23, 76).

?R. of Burnham-on-Crouch, dio. London, in 1494 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

Possibly a younger contemporary at Cambridge of Hugh Trotter (below, pp.75–6), Geoffrey Blythe (below, p.75) and William Sheffield (below, pp.87–8), all introduced to the diocese by Arbp Rotherham, himself chancellor of the university until 1492.²⁹

- 1500–2 Mag. CHRISTOPHER URSWICK. P. of St Martin's Altar by royal grant 7 Nov.1500, see being vac. following death of Arbp Rotherham (*CPR 1494–1509*, p.222). Vac. on exch. with John Foster for rectory of Hackney, dio. London, 15 Nov.1502 (*Reg. Savage*, f.20v.).

Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge, in 1471, warden 1485–8. BCnL 1479, DCnL by 1488 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.605–6; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.98). Chaplain and confessor to Margaret Beaufort, countess of Derby, and later to her son Henry Tudor, earl of Richmond, whose faithful servant and confidant he was during exile. King's Almoner 1485 (S.B. Chrimes, *Henry VII*, 1972, *passim*). Declined see of Norwich 1499. Executor of Henry VII 1509.

C. of York and p. of Thockrington 1488–92, of Masham 1492–4, of Botevant 1494–6, of Fridaythorpe 1503–22; dean 1488–94; archd. of Richmond 1494–1500 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.8, 27, 38, 52, 68, 84). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1509–22 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.151–2).

Rectory of Puttenham, Hunts., dio. Lincoln (1482–5) only known benefice prior to accession of Henry VII. Thereafter acquired vast preferment, including (besides that in York dio.) deanery of Windsor

²⁷ Some 60 years earlier Henry Bowet had made the reverse move (above, p.53). Within this time, presumably, St Martin's had ceased to be Beverley's most coveted prebend (see above, pp.xxii–xxiv, 46).

²⁸ Where his name is given as Hooke. He may be the John Hole described as 'scholar' in 1494 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.240). In any event he appears to have died prematurely.

²⁹ Rotherham, above all others, chose graduates to fill his chapters at York and Beverley (only 3 out of 38 collations were of non-graduates). He awarded 20 prebends to Cambridge men (*Oxford* 15), 9 of whom received places in both chapters.

(1496–1505), three archdeaconries, prebends in seven churches and at least four wealthy rectories. Acquisitions and royal service cease rather abruptly with death of Henry VII, when he apparently withdrew to rectory of Hackney, where he was buried (1522).³⁰ Nevertheless death left vac. archdeaconries of Wiltshire, Norfolk and Oxford, chancellorship of Exeter, prebends in York, Southwell, St Paul's, London, Exeter, Lincoln, Salisbury and, possibly, St Stephen's, Westminster, and several rectories (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.; *Oxford*, iii, pp.1935–6; S.J. Ollard, *Fasti Wyndesorienses*, 1949, pp.37–8).

- 1502–12 Mag. JOHN FOSTER. P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. 15 Nov. 1502 on exch. with Christopher Urswick for rectory of Hackney, dio. London (Reg. Savage, f.22v.). Vac. on death between 25 Sept. and 18 Oct. 1512 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.710; Le Neve, *Hereford*, p.35).

Bachelor fellow of Merton Coll., Oxford c.1468, fellow 1471, still 1476. Sch Th by 1480 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.709–10). Probably served in dio. London after 1480, where bps Thomas Kempe, Hill and Savage (later arbp of York) all furthered his preferment, and where he was archd. of London 1490–1502 (Le Neve, p.9).

C. of York and p. of North Newbald 1477–1512 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.70).

Other preferments widely scattered in south, where he died dean of St Stephen's, Westminster, archd. of Huntingdon and p. of St Paul's, London, and of Hereford (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1512–34 Mag. JOHN WITHERS. P. of St Martin's Altar, coll. Nov. 1512 (Reg. Bainbridge, f.55). Vac. on death in Sept. 1534 (*Letters and Papers, Domestic and Foreign*, viii, no.1223³¹; Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2066).

Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, 1485–95; 3rd bursar 1487–8, 1489–80; 1st bursar 1492–3. Senior Proctor of University 1491–2. DCnL 1513 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2066). Commissary and receiver general of Arbp Bainbridge 1508–14 (Reg. Bainbridge, ff.iv, 2; A.H. Thompson, *The English Clergy*, 1947, p.196).

C. of York and p. of South Cave 1509, 1512–34, of Knaresborough 1512 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.43, 61). Master of St Mary's Hospital, Bootham, York 1510–? (Reg. Bainbridge, f.17). C. of Howden and p. of Saltmarsh 1508–12 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

³⁰ His memorial brass in Hackney church describes him as 'almoner to Henry VII, eleven times an ambassador, dean of York and Windsor and archdeacon of Richmond' (all which appointments he had long since relinquished) and records that he had refused the bishopric of Norwich (Mill Stephenson, *A List of Monumental Brasses in the British Isles*, 1964, p.299, where the year of his death is wrongly given as 1521). He was almost certainly not related to Sir Thomas Urswick, recorder of London and subsequently chief baron of the exchequer (cf. Leach, *Memorials of Southwell*, p.151 n.4), being the son of a lay brother of Furness Abbey (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

³¹ Withers' death prompted a supplication from Sir John Russell to Thomas Cromwell in Oct. 1534 on behalf of his chaplain: 'Whereas it pleased you to write to my lord of York for the advowson of the prebend held by Mr Wythers in the Collegiate Church of Beverley for my chaplain, Manchester, and my lord replied . . . that you should have the next prebend not much above £40, the same prebend is void by the death of Wythers. Though it is somewhat above £40, I suppose it will fall within the limits of his promise. I beseech you therefore, to remember my chaplain'. 2 Oct. 1534 (loc.cit.).

Elsewhere he was at death p. of St Paul's, London, Salisbury and St Martin-le-Grand, London. Earlier preferment in dioceses Salisbury and Winchester (long since res.) came at hands of Bp Thomas Langton, whose executor he was 1501.

1534-? Mag. WILLIAM HOLGILL. P. of St Martin's Altar, from Oct. 1534 (Dade, p.23), still 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.130).

C. of York and p. of Fridaythorpe 1522, precentor 1522-34³², p. of South Cave 1534-48 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.12, 44, 52; 1541-1857, *York Diocese*, p.32).

Possibly William Holgill adm. BA Oxford 1535 (Emden, *Oxford* 1501-40, p.294), and almost certainly same as William Holgill, master of Savoy Chapel 1532, and so described 1548 when reported holding also rectory of Guiseley and moiety in Otley (*Test. Ebor.*, vi, p.30; *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, SS, 92, pp.395-6, 411). More evidence is required to identify him as archd. of Carlisle and r. of Great Salkeld³³ by 1535, still 1540 (*Valor*, v, p.289; Le Neve, *NP*, p.103). Died 16 Dec. 1548 (Le Neve, 1541-1857, *York Diocese*, loc.cit.).

?-1548 HENRY BROWEN. P. of St Martin's Altar c.1548, when described in chantry certificate for Beverley as 'of th' age of xii yeres (*sic*), whose lyving and promotions we know not and are to us uncerteyne'³⁴ (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.527). Vac. 1548 on dissolution of college, his prebendal house being surrendered to Sir Michael Stanhope (*CPR* 1548-49, p.39).

³² From 1494 the precentors held the prebend of Driffild.

³³ Appropriated to the archdeaconry.

³⁴ The chantry commissioners appear to have been totally ignorant of Browen's identity and career. Though his obscurity remains, he is unlikely to have been a child prebendary as their entry suggests.

The Prebend of St Mary's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St Mary's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d.
Thraves	Major renders	£ 18 7s. 8d. ²	£ 18 7s. 8d.
Tithes		£ 2 3s. 4d.	£ 2 3s. 4d.
Rents	Beverley Town	£ 4 13s. 4d.	
	North Burton	£ 2 6s. 4d.	£ 6 19s. 8d.
	Pension from St Martin's prebend		£ 2 13s. 4d.
	Gross Value		£ 37 18s. 0d.
Less fee to receiver of the prebend		£ 2 0s. 0d.	£ 2 0s. 0d.
	VALUE CLEAR		£ 35 18s. 0d. ³

¹ *Valor*, v, p.131.

² The *Valor*'s figure is £18 6s. 8d., but, as the following contributions to St Mary's thraves indicate, this total is incorrect: Priory of Haltemprice £4 14s. 4d., Priory of North Ferriby £2 0s. 0d., Prebend of Wilton (York) £4 0s. 0d., Prebend of Wetwang (York) £4 13s. 4d., Hessle £2 6s. 8d., North (Cherry) Burton 13s. 4d.

³ Due to a miscalculation of the thrave renders the *Valor*'s clear value is £35 17s. 0d.

Prebendaries of St Mary's Altar

By 1217—*Mag. ROGER DE RICHMOND (DE MELSONBY)*¹. P. of St Mary's Altar by c.1234 1217 (BL Lansdowne MS 546; *Reg. Gray*, p.68). On 4 April 1220 headed list of four canons witnessing Beverley charter, suggesting he was by then a senior canon (*YD*, ix, p.102). Vac. on death c.1234² (*Reg. Gray*, loc.cit.).

As vice-archd. of Richmond witnessed two charters as Mag. Roger, and a third as Mag. Roger de Melsonby, in period c.1191–1203 (*EYC*, v, nos.275, 277, 278). Described as official of archd. of Richmond, witnessed charter as Mag. Roger de Richmond before 1196 (*ibid.*,

¹ Melsonby is a village some five miles north of Richmond. Three circumstances, arising in widely separated areas, point to Roger de Richmond and Roger de Melsonby being one and the same: (a) Melsonby features as vice-archdeacon of Richmond, in the context of his office, in the 1190s, when Richmond witnessed a charter of wider significance (c.1196) as official of the archdeacon of Richmond (see below). (b) A Durham source (and no other) names Melsonby as a canon of Beverley within the period when York records show Richmond to have been a canon (see above, p.20). (c) A Mag. Adam de Melsonby and a Mag. Adam de Richmond appear frequently in the same years (c.1228–c.1235), but never together, as a canon of Ripon (*MR*, iv, pp.86, 88, 89, 94, 95, 98; 43, 69, 70).

Both Roger and Adam doubtless belonged to that able and prolific clerical family (Mag. Alan (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1257), Mag. Henry and Mag. Odo de Melsonby also feature in Gray's register) which flourished south of the Tees in the early thirteenth century and whose most notable son was Thomas de Melsonby, prior of Durham 1233–44 (*Reg. Gray*, p.72n.).

² When Arbp Gray 'with the assent of the chapter of Beverley, united to the prebend of Risceby the houses and *curia* in Beverley belonging to the prebend of St Mary's there, which Mr Roger de Richmond held for his life. The houses and *curia* which belonged to the prebend of Risceby which Mr R. Cornubiens', canon of Beverley, held for his life, we annex for ever to the prebend of St Mary'. (Loc.cit.)

no.317).³ Probably regarded as member of *familia* of Arbp Geoffrey Plantagenet c.1204–5, when he witnessed several of latter's charters outside archdeaconry (*Reg. Gray*, p.73n.; *Reg. Giffard*, p.256; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.295; *Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.58). Subsequent charters witnessed by him (all in period 1217–34), including two of Arbp Gray (*Reg. Gray*, pp.192n., 193n.), were as canon of Beverley.

Canon of Ripon in 1216 (*MR*, iv, p.23, but see *ibid.*, i, p.248).

By 1279–
? Mag. JOHN DE PENISTON. P. of St Mary's Altar⁴ by 1279 (*YD*, ix, p.12). Vac. on death by 2 April 1296 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.186).

Mag. by 1268 when, as c. of Southwell, granted leave to study theology at Oxford for three years (*Reg. Giffard*, p.1). Probably residentiary of Beverley by 1279 (*YD*, ix, loc.cit.; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.386; ii, p.50).

C. of Southwell and p. of South Muskham by 1268–1296 (*Reg. Giffard*, loc.cit.; *CPR 1292–1301*, loc.cit.; Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1456).

1296–9 Mag. RAYMOND DE FERRARA. P. of St Mary's Altar by royal grant⁵ 2 April 1296 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.186). Vac. on death by 24 Aug.1299 (*ibid.*, p.436; *BCA*, i, p.100).

King's clk. Overseas in king's service 1296 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.186). Probably kinsman of John de Ferrara who was c. of Southwell 1299–1309, of Orleans and papal chaplain in 1309 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.216; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.31).

1299–
1309 Mag. PETER AIMERIC (Aymericus, Emery). P. of St Mary's Altar by royal grant⁶ 24 Aug.1299 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.436; *BCA*, i, pp.96, 100, 249). Vac. on death *in partibus Gallicanis* by 6 May 1309 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.31; *BCA*, i, pp.233, 251).

King's clk 1299 (*CPR 1292–1301*, loc.cit.). Constable of Bordeaux 1303–5 (*Tout, Chapters*, vi, p.66). Died overseas, intestate and without next of kin⁷ (*BCA*, i, pp.233, 251, 341–2; *Reg. Greenfield*, iv, pp.352–3).

³ For consideration of vice-archdeacons and archdeacons' officials, their status and function, see C.T. Clay 'Notes on the early archdeacons in the church of York', *YAJ* xxxvi, pp.432–4; C.R. Cheney, *English Bishops' Chanceries 1100–1250*, 1950, pp.143–6. 'Officialis replaces *subarchidiaconus* and *vicearchidiaconus* as the word which designates both the resident archdeacon's assistant and the absentee's deputy', Cheney, op.cit., p.146.

Roger appears to have served under the absentee William de Chemille, archdeacon of Richmond, from 1189 until the latter's consecration as bishop of Angers in 1196 (Clay, op.cit., p.430). His successor as official appears in the period 1194–8 (*EYC*, v, no.302). As a prominent witness of episcopal charters in the opening years of the thirteenth century he was probably closely identified with Arbp Geoffrey in the latter's quarrels with the York chapter and William's successors in the archdeaconry. From the earliest years of Arbp Gray he invariably heads the lists of Beverley canons as a witness of charters, suggesting his award of a prebend to have been on Arbp Geoffrey's collation.

⁴ The prebend held by Peniston and Ferrara (below) is nowhere given, but its identity is not in doubt: Ferrara was granted the prebend 'void by the death of Master John de Penyngeston' (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.186), and was followed by Peter Aimeric (*BCA*, i, p.100) who can be shown to have held St Mary's (*ibid.*, p.249; *Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.192).

⁵ The see being vacant following the death of John le Romeyn.

⁶ The see being vacant following the death of Henry Newark.

⁷ Aimeric was the centre of dispute at Beverley both in life and death. His claim to a corrody in the bedern though absent, and his subsequent demand for the fruits of his prebend arising between appointment and admission, caused consternation in the chapter (*BCA*, i, pp.37, 99–101). The circumstances of his death created problems between Greenfield and the chapter regarding sequestration and probate which outlived the archbishop (*BCA*, i, pp.249, 255–6, 341–2; *Reg. Greenfield*, loc.cit.).

- 1309–15 WILLIAM DE EASTDEAN. P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. 6 May 1309⁸ (*BCA*, i, p.309; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.31). Adm. by proxy 12 May 1309, in person 10 May 1310 (*BCA*, i, pp.235, 265). Vac. on death 21 Feb.1315 (*BCA*, i, p.309; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.104).

Household clk of Arbp Greenfield in 1308 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.25).⁹ Steward of arbp's lands beyond the Trent from 11 Sept.1306 (*ibid.*, p.176). Auditor of accounts of executors of Arbp Newark Jan.1311, of Arbp Corbridge March 1311 (*ibid.*, pp.53, 56; iv, p.349). Residentiary of Beverley from 10 May 1310 (*BCA*, i, pp.235, 265, 292, 307).

- 1315–43 Mag. DENIS AVENEL (HAVEREL). P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. 26 Feb.1315 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.104; *BCA*, i, p.309). Vac. on death by 24 Aug.1343 (*CPR 1340–43*, p.589; 1343–45, p.120; *CPL*, iii, p.112).

Probably member of Haverel family of Derbyshire.¹⁰ Household clk of Arbp Greenfield 1314–15 (*Reg. Greenfield*, ii, pp.182, 222; iii, p.109), of Arbp Melton from c.1315 (*Reg. Melton*, i, p.110; *BCA*, ii, p.78). Vicar general 1321 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.79–80), 1326 (*BCA*, ii, p.76). Probably kept statutory residence at Beverley 1315–43. Mag. Oxford, DCL by 1315 (*BCA*, i, p.309; Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Archd. of ER 1322–43 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.22).

R. of Deal, dio. Canterbury, 1311–13,¹¹ of Preston, same dio., 1313–22 (*Reg. Winchelsey*, ii, CYS, 51, 1942, pp.1208, 1232; *BCA*, i, p.310).

- ?–1346 AYMER ROBERT. Res. p. in Beverley, probably of St Mary's Altar, by 14 Feb.1346 (*CPL*, iii, p.199).¹²

⁸ He had been admitted canon, to await the next vacant prebend, on 27 Feb.1308, under a faculty of Clement V, dated 22 June 1307, empowering the arbp to collate six of his clerks to two prebends in York and one each in Ripon, Beverley, Southwell and Howden (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, pp.24–5; *BCA*, i, p.213).

⁹ There were almost certainly two William de Eastdeans in Greenfield's household for much of his primacy: (1) William de Eastdean, c. of Beverley and arbp's steward south of the Trent, is not once referred to as a graduate, either in the archbishop's register or in the Act Book. (2) Mag. William de Eastdean, who features only as an arbp's clk, is consistently so described. He may well be the mag. William de Eastdean who was c. of Chichester 1313–33, and archdeacon of Lewes 1316 (Le Neve, *Chichester*, pp.13, 55). Whether the same man was also r. of Leverington, dio. Ely, in 1306 (cf. Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.649) is more doubtful.

¹⁰ Mag. Robert Avenel, temporal chancellor of Durham at the end of the thirteenth century, was made a canon of the reconstituted collegiate church of St Andrew, Auckland 1293 (*Records of Antony Bek, Bishop and Patriarch, 1288–1311*, ed. C.M. Fraser, SS, 162, pp.35–7).

¹¹ The prebendal church of Deal had been recovered for the archbishop's *mensa* by Arbp Pecham in 1290, and Avenel's possession of it in 1311 may indicate that he was then in the service of Arbp Winchelsey.

¹² At the *Curia* Robert was apparently regarded as occupying Avenel's archdeaconry as early as 1 Aug.1343 (*CPL*, iii, p.112). Other prebends at Beverley being at this time accounted for, he had probably been provided to the latter's prebend of St Mary's Altar at the same time. His possession of the archdeaconry was disputed from the outset by a royal nominee, John de Cestre (Le Neve, *NP*, p.22), and it may be that Thomas Sampson (see below) at this stage was already a local and more effective claimant to the prebend. A distinguished diocesan figure, Sampson was clearly regarded as a prebendary for some years before his death in 1349.

A French cardinal's hold upon his English benefices must, in any event, have been precarious in a decade of hostilities with France, and of intense anti-papal feeling in parliament. In 1343 Robert's attorney was arrested by the sheriff of London (*CPL*, iii, pp.2, 10; G. Mollat, *The Popes at Avignon 1305–1378*, 1963, p.263), and three years later the confiscation of all benefices held by foreigners was ordered. Though this seems to have been in the nature of a partially implemented gesture it may have prompted Robert's resignation of St Mary's prebend.

Cardinal priest of St Anastasia's.

C. of York and p. of Warthill c.1344–52, archd. of ER 1343–52¹³ (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.22, 86). R. of Manfield ?–1347 (*CPL*, iii, p.239).

R. of Wimbledon, dio. Winchester, 1342–53 (*ibid.*, pp.53, 481). Granted papal provision of fruits of vacant benefices in province of York to 1000 marks 1342 (*ibid.*, p.74), extended to province of Canterbury owing to difficulty in collection 1345 (*ibid.*, p.22).

1346–? Mag. RALPH DE TURVILL. Recd papal provision of p. of Aymer Robert on latter's resignation 14 Feb.1346 (*CPL*, iii, p.199).

Clk and associate of William de la Zouch, dean of York, later arbp of York.¹⁴ Kinsman of Mag. Philip de Turvill, official of Coventry and Lichfield (from 1313) (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1918). Dead by July 1349 (*CPL*, iii, p.342).

C. of York and p. of South Newbald 1346 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.71). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1345–? (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.221). Master of Norton Chapel, deanery of Doncaster, 1346 (*Fasti Parochiales*, ii, p.128). C. of Howden and p. of Skelton 1346–? (Reg. Zouch, f.11v.; *CPL*, iii, p.343).¹⁵ R. of Brantingham 1348–? (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.62).

P. of Lichfield 1340–8 (*ibid.*). R. of Yaxley, dio. Lincoln, 1335–48 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.52; Le Neve, *C and L*, p.62).

?–1349 Mag. THOMAS SAMPSON. In c.1351 recorded as having held p. then occupied by Alan de Waynflete (see below) (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.116). Vac. on death between 16 June and 4 July 1349 (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.54).¹⁶

Official of York from 1331, still 1347 (Reg. Melton, f.583v.; Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, pp.431, 444). King's clk in France 1331, 1333–4. DCL of Oxford (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1636). Said to have been residentiary of

¹³ Contrary to the inference of Le Neve, *NP*, p.22, Robert remained a claimant, at least, to the archdeaconry until his death. Peter de Langton, named as vicar general of the archdeaconry of the East Riding in 1346 (loc.cit., n.1), was in fact his chaplain (*CPL*, iii, pp.239–40), and his leave to visit the archdeaconry by proxy for five years, granted in 1343, was renewed in 1349 (*ibid.*, pp.112, 289).

¹⁴ As a provisor inheriting the claim of Aymer Robert, Turvill's possession of the prebend may have been recognised only at the *Curia* in view of its likely occupation by Thomas Sampson. In 1340 Zouch, in company of Turvill and other unnamed clerks, was attacked and robbed near Geneva whilst journeying to the *Curia* (*CPL*, ii, pp.547–8, 578). Turvill succeeded Zouch in the rectory of Yaxley on the latter's resignation in 1335 (Lunt, loc.cit.), and in the same month Roger Northburgh collated both men to prebends in Lichfield, Zouch to Ufton Cantoris, Turvill to Ufton Decani (Le Neve, *C and L*, pp.61, 62).

¹⁵ Turvill exchanged the chapel of Norton for this prebend in Howden (*CPL*, iii, p.240). Reference to a prebend in Norton, dio. Durham, being the subject of the exchange (*ibid.*, p.343) is almost certainly a mistake.

¹⁶ On 17 May 1350 a petition was recorded at the *Curia* on behalf of one William de Barton for the prebend in Beverley vacant by the death of Thomas Sampson (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.197). Though Sampson's title to St Mary's prebend was probably recognised at the *Curia* only upon its vacation by Turvill, the fact that he was subsequently regarded as having been a residentiary, together with the general impression created by his standing within the diocese (contrasting, as it did, with the weakness of the position of both Robert and Turvill as provisors in a hostile climate), suggest that he may well have been the effective successor of Denis Avenel. Clear evidence of this is, however, hard to find.

Beverley (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.343; *Fasti Ebor.*, p.43 in.)¹⁷ Election as dean of York in 1342 set aside by pope in favour of Talleyrand de Perigord (*Reg. Zouch*, ff.216-17; *Le Neve*, *NP*, pp.6-7).

C. of York and p. of Holme 1333-49 (*Le Neve*, *NP*, p.56). R. of Hawnby 1315-? (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.103), of Acaster Malbis 1329-?, of Misterton 1334-49. Warden of chapel of Sutton-in-Holderness (*Emden*, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

R. of Somersham, dio. Norwich, 1330-? (*ibid.*).

c.1351, still 1357 ALAN DE WAYNFLETE. P. of St Mary's Altar by papal provision 1350 or 1351 (*Lunt, Accounts Rendered*, p.116); by royal grant 12 Sept.1352 (*CPR* 1350-54, p.323).

Still in March 1357 (*CPL*, iii, p.585).

R. of Badwell, dio. Norwich, in 1342 when he first received papal provision to a canonry in Beverley to await p. (*CPL*, iii, p.57).

?-1361 Mag. RICHARD DE THORMERTON. Died in possession of p. of St Mary's Altar before 21 June 1361 (*Lunt, Accounts Rendered*, p.156).

King's clk, proctor of Edward III at *Curia* 1342, advocate at Roman court 1354 (*CPL*, iii, pp.64, 537). BCn and CL by 1342 (*ibid.*, p.76). Died at *Curia* c.June 1361 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.394).

P. of Exeter 1334-61 (*Le Neve*, p.29), of Salisbury 1342-7 (*Le Neve*, p.61), of Westbury-on-Trym by 1342, still 1353 (*CPL*, iii, pp.76, 514), of Wells 1348-?61, treasurer of Wells 1348-61 (*Le Neve*, *B and W*, pp.10, 74). R. of Bishopstone, dio. Salisbury, in 1342 (*CPL*, iii, p.76), of St Mary, Winchester, in 1353 (*ibid.*, p.514).

1361-7 WILLIAM DE WYKEHAM. P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. c.July 1361 (*Lunt, Accounts Rendered*, p.203). Royal grant 24 Sept.1361 (*CPR* 1361-64, p.79). Vac. on cons. as bp of Winchester 10 Oct.1367 (*Lunt*, op.cit., p.301).

Receiver of chamber 1355, 1361. Keeper of privy seal 1363-7. Chancellor of England 1367-71, 1389-91 (*Tout, Chapters*, vi, pp.15, 17, 53, 56).

Bp of Winchester 1367-1404.¹⁸

C. of York and p. of Langtoft 1363, of Laughton 1363-7 (*Le Neve*, *NP*, pp.62, 64). C. of Southwell and p. of Dunham 1361-7 (*Le Neve*, *C and L*, p.37).

In addition cons. left vacant: archdeaconry of Lincoln, deanery of St Martin-le-Grand, London, provostship of Combe in Wells and prebends in Lincoln, Salisbury, St Paul's, London, St Stephen's, Westminster, Auckland, dio. Durham, royal free chapel of Hastings, collegiate chapel

¹⁷ In similar circumstances John de Nassington, p. of St Martin's Altar and a predecessor in the officiality (above, pp.49-50), had, at the request of Arbp Greenfield, been accounted a residentiary, though absent, in view of his onerous duties in the service of the see (*BCA*, i, p.136).

¹⁸ For a full account of Wykeham's offices and career in the royal service see *Tout, Chapters*, iii, pp.229-39. See also James Tait in *DNB*, lxiii, pp.3225-31.

of Shrewsbury, Abergwili and Llandewi Brefi, and rectory of Pulham, dio. Norwich.

- c.1367–79 Mag. RICHARD DE LYNTESFORD. P. of St Mary's Altar by Feb. 1368 (*CPL*, iv, p.72),¹⁹ estate ratified 31 March 1371 (*CPR* 1370–74, p.60). Vac. probably on res. by April 1379²⁰ when p. granted to Wellingborough (*CPR* 1377–81, p.330).

Clk in chancery by 1363, still king's clk 1368 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.411; *CPL*, iv, p.72). Residentiary of Lincoln 1378–80 (K. Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals*, p.352). Mag., Oxford (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1195).

R. of Campsall 1370–80 (*Fasti Parochiales*, i, p.60).

P. of Lincoln 1378–80 (Le Neve, p.118). R. of Burghclere, dio. Winchester, 1361–8. Master of St Cross Hospital, Winchester 1368–70 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1379–
1405 JOHN DE WELLINGBOROUGH (junior).²¹ P. of St Mary's Altar by royal grant on authority of pope Urban VI April 1379 (*CPR* 1377–81, p.330). Vac., probably on death, by 28 June 1405 (*CPR* 1405–08, p.73).

Clk of privy seal by 1376–?1400 (Tout, *Chapters*, v, p.112; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxix).

Master of free chapel of Mitford, dio. Durham, in 1377 (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.138). R. of free chapel of St John the Baptist, Melton Mowbray by 1374, still 1400 (*Fasti Dunelm.*, loc.cit.; *CPR* 1399–1401, p.363). P. of Holy Cross, Crediton, ?–1380, of St Stephen's, Westminster, 1380–? (*CPR* 1377–81, p.552; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxix).²²

Together with Richard de Ravenser (see above, pp.50–1) singled out by Arbp Alexander Neville for excommunication at latter's visitation of chapter 22 April 1381 (*BCA*, ii, pp.248–9), but unlike Ravenser no evidence of being replaced. Assented by proxy to Arbp Arundel's constitutions in July 1391 (*ibid.*, p.266), but as late as 1400 apparently felt need to have possession of p. ratified (*CPR* 1399–1401, p.363).

- 1405–9 RICHARD DE KINGSTON. P. of St Mary's Altar by royal grant 28 June 1405, see being vac. following execution of Arbp Scrope (*CPR* 1405–08, p.73). Vac. on exch. with John of Nottingham for p. of Henstridge in Wells c.10 Feb. 1409 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.50).

Treasurer of Henry, earl of Derby (later Henry IV) during latter's crusade to Barbary, Prussia and Holy Land 1390–3, remaining his clk

¹⁹ He had been provided to a canonry with expectation of a prebend as early as 12 Jan. 1363 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.411).

²⁰ Though Lyntesford's rectory of Campsall and prebend in Lincoln fell vacant in 1380, probably indicating his death, he qualified for greater residence at Lincoln 1379–80 (K. Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals in the Middle Ages*, 1949, p.352).

²¹ He is to be distinguished from John de Wellingborough senior, also clk of the privy seal, who died 1395, aged 80, and with whom he exchanged a prebend in Holy Cross, Crediton, for one in St Stephen's, Westminster, 1380 (Tout, *Chapters*, v, pp.103–5, 112; *CPR* 1377–81, p.552). He is said to have been the illegitimate son of Guy de Roucliffe, another clk of the privy seal, who died 1392 (*North Country Wills*, i, SS, 116, p.248; Tout, *Chapters*, v, pp.89, 112).

²² It was John de Wellingborough senior who was treasurer of Chichester in 1362 and p. of St Paul's, London, 1377–95 (Le Neve, *Chichester*, p.10; *St Paul's, London*, p.30).

on return (Tout, *Chapters*, i, p.257). Keeper of Wardrobe 1400 (*ibid.*, iv, p.202n.). Died Nov.1418.

Archd. of Hereford 1380–1405, p. of Hereford 1391–1418 (Le Neve, pp.6, 16, 20, 39). P. of St Paul's, London, 1405–18, archd. of Colchester, dio. London, 1406–11 (Le Neve, pp.13, 46). P. of Salisbury 1406–18 (Le Neve, p.41). R. of Barrowby, dio. Lincoln, 1411–? (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, p.13).

- 1409–16 JOHN OF NOTTINGHAM. P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. c.Feb.1409, on exch. with Richard de Kingston for p. of Henstridge in Wells (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.50).²³ Vac. on transfer to p. of St Andrew's Altar 9 Oct.1416 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.53v.).

For fuller notice see Prebendaries of St Andrew's Altar, above p.28.

- 1416–23 THOMAS PARKER. P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. 11 Oct.1416 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.59). Vac. on res. by 2 Oct.1423 (*ibid.*, f.76).²⁴

Household clk of Arbp Scrope at Lichfield and York until 1405 (Reg. Scrope, ff.3, 11, 63), remained at York after Scrope's execution. Residentiary of York 1419–23 (Dobson, *op.cit.*, *JEH*, 30, p.174).

C. of York and p. of Ampleforth 1410–23 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.28). P. of St Mary and the Holy Angels, York, ?–1405 (Reg. Scrope, f.10v.; *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.227), again 1409 (*ibid.*, p.229). R. of Huggate 1401–11 (Reg. Scrope, f.63; Reg. Bowet, ii, f.99), of Bolton Percy 1411–23 (*ibid.*; Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.47). Master of St Giles Hospital, Hexham ?–1409 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, *loc.cit.*).

P. of Lichfield 1398–1423 (Le Neve, *C and L*, pp.26, 33), of Lincoln 1405–11 (Le Neve, p.47).

Generous benefactor of fabric of York and Beverley Minsters and of Bolton Percy, requested burial in any one of these places, preferably close to his master, Arbp Scrope, at York (*YAJ*, xxxvi, *loc.cit.*).²⁵

- 1423–42 THOMAS WYOT. P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. 2 Oct.1423 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.76). Vac. on death by March 1442 (Reg. Kempe, f.48).

Household clk of Arbp Bowet by Sept.1409; his chaplain at time of arbp's death 1423 (Reg. Bowet, i, f.42v.; *Test. Ebor.*, i, p.400).

P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York 1409–13²⁶ (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.230), again 1413–15 (*ibid.*), again 1415–23 (*ibid.*, p.231). C. of Southwell and p. of Normanton 1421–42 (*Miscellanea*, ii, p.302). Succentor of York

²³ Dade has Thomas de Hinley following Kingston, having collation on 23 Feb.1408 (which in Dade means 1408/9). Dade's list is based on the Torre MS, but beyond this his source in this instance is obscure. Since Nottingham succeeded on a straightforward exchange there can be no question of Hinley gaining possession. He was probably acting as Nottingham's proctor.

²⁴ Probably a deathbed resignation to ensure Wyot's succession. Parker's will was made and proved on 4 and 5 Oct. respectively (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.239).

²⁵ He gave a window in the north aisle of the nave to York Minster and was possibly responsible for the glazing in 1419 of the east window above St Mary's Altar in Beverley. The chancel of Bolton Percy church is reputed to have been built at his expense.

²⁶ This, his first prebend in the church, had also been vacated by Parker.

by 1423–42 (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.401). R. of Birkby 1404–9, of a moiety of Cotgrave, Notts., 1409–11 (*Miscellanea*, ii, loc.cit.).

- 1442–64 Mag. RICHARD TONE. P. of St Mary's Altar,²⁷ coll. March 1442 (Reg. Kempe, f.48). Vac. on death by 10 March 1464²⁸ (Reg. W. Booth, ff.25v., 58).

Chancellor and/or official of York of Arbp Kempe by 1448–1452, of Arbp W. Booth 1452–1458 (Reg. Kempe, f.66; Reg. W. Booth, ff.2v., 203v., 204). Vicar-general in spirituals (with three others) 1452, 1453, alone 1455, 1457 (A.H. Thompson, *English Clergy*, pp.191–3; *CPL*, xi, pp.62–3). DCnL by 1427 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2223). He and brother, Mag. Robert Tone, were sons of John Tone, a Beverley tanner (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.194–5 and n.).

Archd. of ER 1435–64²⁹; c. of York and p. of Thockrington 1441–9, of South Newbald 1449–51 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.23, 72, 83). C. of Southwell and p. of North Leverton 1444–7 (Le Neve-Hardy, iii, p.426; *Miscellanea*, ii, pp.299–300). R. of St Crux, Pavement, York, 1430–2, of Nunburnholme 1443–4, of St Saviour, York 1446, of Carlton-in-Lindrick 1449–51, of Bolton Percy 1451–64 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Appears to have relinquished scattered, but not excessive, preferment in province of Canterbury in early 1430s (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.), i.e. about time he became active in York dio.

- 1464–1501 Mag. THOMAS WORSLEY. P. of St Mary's Altar, coll. 13 March 1464 (Reg. W. Booth, f.58). Vac. on death between 11 Jan. and 23 Feb. 1501³⁰ (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.156n.; *CPR 1494–1509*, p.223).

Son of niece of arbps William and Laurence Booth and nephew of William Worsley, dean of St Paul's (1479–99) (Memorial brass in Wimpole ch., Cambs., where described as residentiary of Beverley³¹). Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge c.1464–1501, BCnL 1467 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.651).

C. of Southwell and p. of Normanton 1462–4 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.156n.).

P. of Lichfield 1452–1501 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.59). R. of Waltham, dio. Lincoln, 1471–1501 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.), of Wimpole, dio. Ely ?–1501 (memorial in Wimpole ch.)

- 1501–16 Mag. CHARLES BOOTH. P. of St Mary's Altar by royal grant 23 Feb. 1501, the see being vac. following death of Arbp Rotherham (*CPR 1494–1509*, p.223). Vac. on cons. as bp of Hereford 30 Nov. 1516.

²⁷ Not St Martin's Altar as in Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2223. St Martin's was held by Henry Bowet until Nov. 1442 when he was followed by Stephen Wilton (see above, p.54). Both collations feature on f.48 of Kempe's Register. The visitation record of June 1442 (three months later) show Tone as p. of St Mary's (*Miscellanea*, ii, pp.272–3).

²⁸ When John Sendale had the collation of Bolton Percy.

²⁹ Misprinted in Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit., as 1415.

³⁰ Worsley's will, in which his kinsman and successor in the prebend was a beneficiary, was not proved until 27 May, and it may be that he resigned in Feb. to facilitate Charles Booth's collation on the 23rd.

³¹ If this is correct it represents a caution against the assumption that a distant Cambridge fellow was necessarily an absentee, and that Beverley was virtually denuded of its residentiary body in the late fifteenth century.

Possibly son of Sir Robert Booth of Barton-on-Irwell, Lancs.,³² and grand-nephew of arbps William and Laurence Booth, and second cousin of John Booth, bp of Exeter (1465–78). BCL Cambridge 1485, DCL Bologna 1493. Advocate in court of Canterbury ?–1495. Chancellor and vicar general of William Smythe, bp of Lincoln, 1501, still 1506. Chancellor of Henry VIII in Marches of Wales from 1502. Bp of Hereford 1516–35 (*Reg. Charles Bothe, Hereford*, CYS, 28, p.1; Emden, *Cambridge*, p.77). Died 5 May 1535.

R. of Normanton-on-Soar 1493–9 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.167, 170).

On cons. res. archdeaconry of Buckingham, treasurership and p. in Lichfield, and prebends in Lincoln and St Paul's, London (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

?1516–
1526 Mag. ROBERT TONEYS. P. of St Mary's Altar in 1525/6 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001). Had coll. of St Katherine's p. 1514, and possibly transferred to St Mary's on res. of Charles Booth (see below, p.110). Vac. almost certainly on death by 30 July 1526 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.41).

Clk, agent and registrar of Cardinal Wolsey. (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, nos.2548, 5589, 5812). BCL, Cambridge (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.591).

C. of York and p. of Bugthorpe 1516–26 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.41).

Elsewhere p. of Salisbury 1494, still 1499 (Le Neve, p.25, 33), of Lincoln 1502–26 (Le Neve, pp.53, 77, 124), of Crediton ?–1523 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).³³ R. of free chapel of Earley Whiteknights, dio. Salisbury 1495–? (*ibid.*).

By 1535–
1548 Mag. PETER VANNES. P. of St Mary's Altar by 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.131), still 1548, when named as p. in chantry certificate for Beverley (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.302). As fellow servant with Toneys of Wolsey, almost certainly followed him in p. 1526.

Native of Lucca, nephew of Andrea Ammonia, whom he succeeded (1517) as secretary of Cardinal Wolsey and Latin secretary of Henry VIII, later of Edward VI. Envoy of Henry VIII to pope 1529. Dean of Salisbury 1536–63. BTh by 1527.

C. of York and p. of Bole 1535–64 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.36).

P. of Hereford 1527–63 (Le Neve, p.20), of Salisbury 1528–43, dean 1536–63 (Le Neve, pp.5, 30, 55), of Wells 1534, still 1556 (Le Neve, p.41). Archd. of Worcester 1534–64 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.63).

One of number of Italians (of whom Polydore Vergil is best remembered) who, coming to England in early decades of sixteenth century, were influential in introducing spirit of Renaissance into English learning, especially in field of letters.

³² Probably the brother of Worsley's mother. For a summary of the Booth family's progress and connections see C.N.L. Brooke in *A History of St Paul's Cathedral*, ed. W.R. Matthews and W.M. Atkins, 1957, pp.95–6.

³³ Emden's brief notice of Toneys (he omits his prebends in York, Lincoln and Beverley) conceals an interesting career.

The Prebend of St Michael's Altar

The entry relating to St Michael's prebend is lacking in the original of the *Valor* (1535), but its clear value of £31 8s. 4d., taken from the *Liber Valorum*, has been inserted by the editors.¹

The deficiency as regards sources is fortunately made good in a notification of Arbp Wickwane to Robert de Sleaford, the prebendary from 1282 until 1286.² Adjusted to conform with the format of the *Valor*, the revenues of the prebend c.1282 are seen to have been as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 8 os. od.	
	[Corn	£ 4 6s. 8d.] ³	£12 6s. 8d.
Thraves	Major renders	£24 13s. 4d. ⁴	
	Pensions	£ 3 6s. 8d.	£28 os. od.
Tithes	Re Chapel of St Thomas	£ 4 os. od.	£ 4 os. od.
Rents	Burton	£ 2 13s. 4d.	
	Beverley Town	£ 4s. od.	£ 2 17s. 4d.
	[Pension from St Andrew's prebend	£ 2 13s. 4d.] ⁵	
	VALUE CLEAR		£49 17s. 4d. ⁶

¹ *Valor*, v, p.130.

² *Reg. Wickwane*, p.335.

³ The corn element of the corrody is almost certainly omitted, it being Wickwane's purpose to acquaint Sleaford of his prebend's cash receipts. As indicated in the 1308 valuation of St Martin's prebend (above, pp.46-7) the total value of the corrody was then £13. This included 65 quarters of oats at the notional price of 1s. 4d. per quarter, an amount which was later reduced to the 52 quarters of the *Valor*.

⁴ The sources of St Michael's thraves are given as Bainton £10, North Dalton and Brackin £6, Middleton £4 13s. 4d., Elloughton £4 os. od. Pensions £2 13s. 4d., and North Burton 13s. 4d.

⁵ Omitted by Wickwane, though it is just possible this amount is represented by rents from Burton (almost certainly North Burton), where St Andrew's prebend had a similar interest.

⁶ The clear value in the archbishop's notification is £50 18s. 4d. (1s. too much). Included in this, however, is £8 os. od. for commons, an item properly ignored in all official assessments as not being part of the substance of a prebend. It will be seen that this amount is almost balanced by our inclusion of Wickwane's omissions.

Prebendaries of St Michael's Altar

?-?1162 THOMAS BECKET. According to Simon Russell in Provost's Book (1417) Becket was p. of St Michael's Altar as well as provost (*BCA*, ii, p.335).¹

¹ *Quintus Prepositus Beverlacensi fuit Thomas Becket . . . Hic itaque prebendarius fuit prebende Sancti Michaelis, deinde factus est Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis. . .* (loc.cit.). Russell's testimony concerning post-Conquest Beverley is generally reliable, and his assertion is not to be dismissed lightly. Circumstantial considerations, however, suggest caution.

Becket certainly held the provostship in 1153-4 and probably retained it until his consecration in 1162, the period which, we believe, saw the establishment of a formal prebendal system at Beverley (see above, pp.xix-xx). Were this the case, it may be that it was initially thought appropriate for the provost to hold a prebend, which alone conferred membership of the chapter, or that one was awarded him by way of compensation for the loss of revenue almost certainly incurred by the provostship when prebends were founded. Becket in later years was able to counter the reproach of ingratitude towards Henry II with the claim that he held the archdeaconry of Canterbury, the provostship, numerous livings and several prebends before entering the service of the king (*Materials for the History of Thomas Becket*, RS, vi, p.515).

On the other hand it is strange that evidence of Beverley's most illustrious prebendary should rest solely upon the word of a fifteenth-century chronicler. Moreover, Becket's receipt of a prebend at this stage is at variance with all that we know of the contemporary chapter, which was composed very largely of men of northern origin and activity, who kept a high degree of residence.

Provost of Beverley by 1154–1162 (above, p.4). Arbp of Canterbury 1162–70.

By
c.1230–
1242 Mag. WILLIAM SCOTT (or STICHILL). Features second among five canons witnessing charter of period c.1230–42² (BL Lansdowne MS 194), and first of three in another of similar date (BL Lansdowne MS 195). Chantry founded in his memory at St Michael's Altar after 1247 (*BCA*, ii, pp.292–3). Vac. probably on death 1242.

Decretorum doctor apud Oxoniam commorans in 1217, 1218 (*CPL*, i, p.49).³ Served as papal judge delegate in 1216, 1217, 1218 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1657). Election as bp of Durham 1226 opposed by Henry III and declared invalid by Gregory IX (*Flores Historiarum*, RS, ii, p.334; *Annales Monastici*, RS, iii, p.104). Presumably native of Stichill, Roxburghs, in Lothian franchise of Durham.

R. of Skipwith and of West Rounton⁴ from c.1217–42 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.6n., 92n., 93). Archd. of Worcester by 1225–42 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.; *BCA*, ii, p.292).

By 1279–
1282 Mag. ADAM OF NORFOLK. P. of St Michael's Altar by 1279⁵ (*YD*, ix, p.12). Vac. on death 7 Sept.1282 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.16).

King's clk. Constable of Bordeaux 1276–80 (*CPR* 1272–81, pp.147, 158 *et passim*; *CCR* 1279–88, p.27; Tout, *Chapters*, vi, p.66). King's commissary in Aquitaine 1282 (F.M. Powicke, *The Thirteenth Century* 1216–1307, 1953, p.309n.). Mag., Oxford by 1269 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1362–3).

R. of Kirkby-in-Kendal c.1267, still 1272 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.201; *CPR* 1266–72, p.639), of Bilton-in-Ainsty 1272–? (*Reg. Giffard*, p.35).

R. of Tilshead, dio. Salisbury, 1279–? (*CPR* 1272–81, p.317).

1282–6 Mag. ROBERT DE SLEAFORD (DE LA FORDE). P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 7 Oct.1282 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.16). Vac. on res. by 29 Dec.1286 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.361).

Illegitimate son of clk in minor orders (*CPL*, i, pp.498, 504). Mag. by 1281 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.155). Household clk and chancellor of Arbp

² The earlier limit of this charter is uncertain, the dates of collation and death of the witnesses (save that of Scott himself) being unknown. The latter seem to be in order of seniority, however, and Scott witnesses after Richard de Vescy, who was certainly a canon by 1220, but not much later than 1234, and before William de Wisbech and Geoffrey de Bocland, who were canons by 1227 and c.1228 respectively (above, pp.15, 16). The later limit, being fixed by Scott's own death in 1242, probably suggests an unduly late date for this charter. Scott's collation may therefore date from the early years of Arbp Gray, whose confidence he appears to have enjoyed, and who was possibly responsible for his appointment as archdeacon of Worcester when bishop of that diocese (1214–15).

³ For Scott's place in the early canon law school of Oxford see L.E. Boyle, 'Canon Law before 1380', in *The History of the University of Oxford*, ed. J.I. Catto, 1984, p.534.

⁴ Both in the Yorkshire franchise of Durham. The institutions, which are undated, were made during a vacancy in the see of Durham, and the witnesses of Arbp Gray's confirmation of them also accord with the next vacancy (1237–41) except that Walter de Taney, who became archdeacon of the East Riding before May 1228, and was archdeacon of Nottingham by 1241, is not so described (*Reg. Gray*, p.6n.).

⁵ The prebend occupied by Norfolk and Sleaford is never named, but both can be shown to be predecessors of William of Lincoln, p. of St Michael's Altar in the Act Book (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.16; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, 361; *BCA*, i, p.240).

Wickwane by March 1281 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.155, 320), of Arbp le Romeyn from 1286, still 1291 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.35; ii, pp.50, 156). As canon of York constantly commissioned by Arbp Corbridge 1300–4 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, *passim*). Vicar-general in spirituals to Arbp Greenfield 1307, 1308 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, pp.22–3; iv, p.307; v, pp.177, 179, 181, 301). Dead by 15 July 1308 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.27).

C. of York and p. of Osbaldwick 1289–1308 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.378; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.27). C. of Southwell and p. of Normanton 1281, 1286–1308 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.11; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.361; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.27).⁶

Upon the basis of £100 paid by him a chantry was founded in York Minster for his soul and those of his parents, John and Lucy, Robert de la Forde⁷ senior and others. (*The Fabric Rolls of York Minster*, SS, 35, p.290).

1286–1309 Mag. WILLIAM OF LINCOLN. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 29 Dec.1286 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.361). Vac. on exch. with William de Melton for p. of Goodringhill in collegiate ch. of Westbury-on-Trym, dio. Worcester, 3 May 1309 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, pp.32, 203).

Household clk of Arbp le Romeyn from 1286 and his proctor at Rome 1286–7, 1290⁸ (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.388, 394; ii, pp.142–50, 158–62). Official of archd. of Richmond 1290–1 (*ibid.*, i, pp.343, 346). Residentiary of Beverley from c.1296 (*BCA*, i, *passim*).

R. of Sausthorpe, dio. Lincoln, by 1286–? (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.358). P. of Westbury-on-Trym, dio. Worcester, 1309–? (*Reg. Greenfield*, loc.cit.).

One of several clks introduced to the York dio. by Arbp le Romeyn in 1286, receiving p. within months of his arrival. His master's death (1296) seems to have been the occasion for his virtual retirement to Beverley.

1309–17 WILLIAM DE MELTON. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 3 May 1309 following exch. with William of Lincoln for p. of Goodringhill in collegiate ch. of Westbury-on-Trym, dio. Worcester (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, pp.32, 203; *BCA*, i, p.237). Adm. 20 May 1309 (*ibid.*, pp.237–8). Vac. on cons. as arbp of York 25 Sept.1317.

'Newly created as king's clerk' 1297 (*CCR 1296–1302*, p.37), clk of wardrobe 1297–?8, cofferer to Queen Margaret 1298–1300, clk of Edward of Caernarvon from 1301, controller of king's wardrobe 1307–14, keeper 1314–16, keeper of privy seal 1307–11, treasurer of

⁶ See also *YMF*, ii, pp.64–5.

⁷ Possibly Dom Robert de Sleaford (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.242; *Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.17).

⁸ As bearer of letters from Edward I to the pope in 1290 he is described as 'skilled in the law' (*CPL*, i, p.518). Lincoln represented Arbp le Romeyn at Rome in two of his most notable disputes. In 1286 he was one of the archbishop's envoys at the *Curia* regarding the right of the northern primate to carry his cross erect in the province of Canterbury, and was still there, spending lavishly on Romeyn's behalf, at the beginning of 1287. It was probably his knowledge of the latter's dispute over possession of the rectory of Kirkby-in-Kendal, gathered as official of the archdeacon of Richmond, which took him again to Rome in 1290 to defend the archbishop's position against the bishop of Durham.

exchequer 1325–6, 1330–1 (Tout, *Chapters*, ii, pp.23, 43n., 171; vi, pp.7, 12, 21, 26, 28, 50). Arbp of York 1317–40.⁹

Provost of Beverley 1308–17 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.199; *BCA*, i, pp.226–9, 344–6; ii, pp.li–lvi; above, p.8). C. of York and p. of South Cave 1309,¹⁰ of Driffeld 1310–16 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.41, 44). C. of Southwell and p. of Oxtun and Cropwell 1305–9, of Norwell¹¹ 1309–17 (Le Neve–Hardy 1854, iii, p.447; *CPL*, ii, p.22; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.33). R. of Hornsea 1301–c.1317 (*CPL*, ii, pp.22, 211; *Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.164), of Lythe 1308–c.1317 (*Reg. Greenfield*, v, p.181; *CPL*, ii, p.42). Pensioner in rectory of Spofforth 1310–c.1317 (*Reg. Greenfield*, ii, p.91). C. of Howden and p. of ? 1312–? (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.400) and r. of Welton (Howden) in 1312 (*ibid.*).

Dean of St Martin-le-Grand, London, 1308–c.1317 (*ibid.*, p.399; *CPL*, ii, p.110). Archd. of Barnstaple 1308 (Le Neve, *Exeter*, p.19). P. of Bangor in 1308 (*CPL*, ii, p.42), of Dublin in 1308 (*ibid.*), of Westbury-on-Trym, dio. Worcester, by 1308–9 (*ibid.*; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, pp.32, 203), of Lincoln 1309–17 (Le Neve, p.86), of Salisbury 1315–16 (Le Neve, pp.100, 102). At various times appears also to have been r. of Pytchley and Castor, dio. Lincoln, of Reedham, Thorpland and Fakenham, dio. Norwich, and of Brigham, dio. Carlisle (*CPL*, ii, pp.22, 42, 110; Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, pp.398–400).

c.1318–
1323 BARNABAS DE MALA SPINA.¹² P. of St Michael's Altar by 3 March 1319 (*BCA*, i, p.359). Vac. by 15 Jan.1323 on cons. as bp of Luna, Tuscany¹³ (*CPL*, ii, p.227; *BCA*, ii, p.28).

Clk of Luca Fieschi, cardinal deacon of St Maria in Via Lata, then papal nuncio in England¹⁴ (*BCA*, i, p.360; *CPL*, ii, p.227).

1323–50 Mag. WILFRID DE GROPO ST PETER.¹⁵ P. of St Michael's Altar by papal provision 15 Jan.1323 (*CPL*, ii, p.227), adm. 12 April 1323 (*BCA*, ii, pp.28–30). Vac. on death by 18 May 1350 (*CPL*, iii, p.344; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.165; *CPR 1348–50*, p.538).

⁹ For Melton's background and connections see L.H. Butler, 'Archbishop Melton, his neighbours and his kinsmen 1317–40', in *JEH*, ii, pp.54–67, and, for a glimpse of his work as a diocesan, *The Labourer in the Vineyard. The Visitations of Archbishop Melton in the Archdeaconry of Richmond*, R.M.T. Hill (Borthwick Papers, No.35, 1968).

¹⁰ It is unlikely that Melton gained full possession of South Cave, the prebend of Driffeld falling to him before his title to it was established (Le Neve, *NP*, p.41).

¹¹ Which Norwell prebend is not stated. The precise date upon which Melton relinquished his preferments is uncertain; he was certainly allowed to retain the fruits of some of them (including the provostship and St Michael's) for a period after consecration (*BCA*, ii, p.lv).

¹² Doubtless a relative of Manfred, son of Opizo, marquis of Malaspina, who was p. of Leighton Manor in Lincoln 1310–11 (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.83), to which he was provided, though under age, at the request of his kinsman Henry, earl of Lincoln (*CPL*, ii, p.56).

¹³ On the Tuscan coast about 50 miles south of Genoa. The see was transferred to Sarzana, adjoining Luna, in 1465.

¹⁴ Cardinal Luca and Cardinal Gaucelme de Jean of St Marcellinus and St Peter arrived in England early in 1317, their main purpose being to impose peace between England and Robert Bruce. They were back in Avignon by Nov.1318. Malaspina must therefore have delayed his return, for he was apparently still in London in March 1319 (*BCA*, i, p.360). He had left England by May 1320 (*ibid.*, p.379).

¹⁵ Possibly a latinized version of Hooks Norton, Oxfordshire, where the church is dedicated to St Peter.

Auditor and chaplain of Luca Fieschi, cardinal deacon of St Maria in Via Lata, in 1323 (*CPL*, ii, p.227).

Household clk of Queen Philippa in 1345 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.85). DCnL (possibly of Oxford) by 1323 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.2179). Residentiary of Beverley from 1323, still 1337 (*BCA*, ii, *passim*).

R. of Cardington, dio. Lincoln, by 1323, still 1330¹⁶ (*CPL*, ii, p.227; *CPR* 1327–30, p.547).

- 1350–79 Mag. ROBERT DE BEVERLEY (DE SIGGLESTHORNE). P. of St Michael's Altar by papal provision 18 May 1350 (*CPL*, iii, p.344; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.165). Vac. on death 1379¹⁷ (*BCA*, ii, pp.213, 225; D.S. Boutflower (ed.), *Fasti Dunelm.*, p.21).

King's clk and envoy of Edward III at *Curia* 1343 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.24). Public notary, conferred 1345 (*CPL*, iii, p.177). Advocate and proctor at *Curia* by 1346, still 1352 (*ibid.*, pp.227, 421). DCn and CL by 1351 (*ibid.*, p.363). Possibly residentiary of Beverley in latter years.

Sub-treasurer of York 1351–? (*CPL*, iii, pp.363, 425). ?P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1354¹⁸ (*CPR* 1354–58, p.24). R. of Cherry Burton by 1348 (*CPL*, iii, pp.363, 425).

Recd papal provision of chancellorship of Lincoln, notwithstanding that he was neither DTh nor BTh, before 1351¹⁹ (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.230; *CPL*, iii, p.470).

- 1379–81 WILLIAM DE BIRSTALL (BURSTALL). P. of St Michael's Altar in 1379 (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.21), still 26 March 1381 when cited to attend Arbp Neville's visitation of chapter (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Vac. probably on death by 8 Sept. 1381 when successor as master of rolls apptd (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, p.450; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxx).

Clk in chancery by 1350, keeper of chancery rolls and master of rolls 1371–81. Temporary chancellor (with three others) 1371, (with two others) 1377 (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.214, 450; vi, pp.15, 16; *BCA*, loc.cit.).

Not known to have held another benefice in dio. York, but elsewhere preferments included: rectory of St Mary de Castro, Guernsey, 1338,

¹⁶ Emden (*Oxford*, loc.cit.), citing Reg. Burghersh (Lincs.), f.299, shows him resigning this benefice in 1328, but he was described as 'parson of Geytington' two years later on receiving letters of protection before going overseas (*CPR*, loc.cit.). Perhaps this benefice was, in fact, that of Geddington, Northants.

¹⁷ This is a reasonable assumption: in 1381 the Beverley chapter protested that Arbp Neville had cited the executors of Robert de Beverley, late prebendary, to appear in his court though the will had already been duly proved by the chapter (*BCA*, loc.cit.). Whereas a licence was granted to Richard de Ravenser, Walter de Skirlaw and Robert de Beverley to augment a chantry lately founded in Beverley in 1377, a further augmentation on 20 Oct. 1380 was made only by Ravenser and Skirlaw ('Documents from the Record Office relating to Beverley', J. Brown (ed.) in *ERAS*, v, p.39).

¹⁸ A.H. Thompson doubts the effectiveness of the royal grant of this prebend to Beverley (*YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.221–2).

¹⁹ Though statute required that the chancellor be DTh or BTh the dignity was worth only 10 marks. In 1379 it was said that the chancellorship had been vacant for over 30 years because no one would accept it (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.23). It would seem that, though styled as chancellor (*CPL*, loc.cit.), Beverley had not been regarded as a competent holder of the dignity.

of Kingston-on-Thames 1345, of Farnham 1351, all dio. Winchester, of St Austell, dio. Exeter, 1343, of Hinckley, dio. Lincoln, 1347, of Houghton-le-Spring 1371, master of Free Chapel, Jesmond 1380, both dio. Durham (*Fasti Dunelm.*, loc.cit.).

- ?1381–
1397 Mag. ROBERT MANFIELD. P. of St Michael's Altar, probably succeeding William de Birstall 1381.²⁰ Recd royal grant of p. 12 June 1387 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.312). Vac. on exch. with Adam Fenrother for p. of St James's Altar 15 Nov. 1397 (*CPR* 1396–99, pp.252, 255; *MR*, iv, pp.125–6).

For fuller notice see under Prebendaries of St James's Altar, above, pp.38–9.

- 1397–
1411 Mag. ADAM FENROTHER. P. of St Michael's Altar on exch. with Robert de Manfield for p. of St James's Altar 15 Nov. 1397 (*CPR* 1396–9, pp.252, 255; *MR*, iv, pp.125–6; *CPL*, vi, p.543; see above, p.38). Vac. on death between 8 and 12 March 1411 (*MR*, iv, p.164).

Residentiary of Ripon and almost certainly of Beverley.²¹

C. of Ripon and p. of Nunwick 1397–1411 (*MR*, iv, pp.125–6, 164). R. of Stokesley 1391–? (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.35n.), of Catton (nr Thirsk) ?–1411 (*MR*, iv, pp.194–5, 238).

Earlier beneficed in dio. Durham: r. of Gateshead 1364–76 and master of St Edmund Bishop hospital, Gateshead 1366–76. In 1376 exch. both these for rectory of All Hallows in the Ropery, dio. London (*MR*, iv, p.238; *Fasti Dunelm.*, p.45).

- 1411–63 Mag. WILLIAM SCROPE. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 12 March 1411 (Reg. Bowet, i, ff.26v.–7; ii, f.46). Vac. on death 22 May 1463 (Reg. W. Booth, f.56; *MR*, ii, p.195).

Son of Stephen, 2nd Lord Scrope of Masham.²² Born c.1396 (*MR*, ii, pp.194–5). Student at Oxford 1409–12, and probably 1420–6. BCn

²⁰ No notice of a successor to Birstall appears before Manfield's grant of the prebend in 1387, a time when more than one other prebendary received such clarification of his position after the turmoil of Alexander Neville's primacy. In 1381 Manfield had begun his prolonged litigation at the *Curia* regarding his possession of the provostship. He received ratification of his estate in this on the day after his grant of St Michael's, i.e. 13 June 1387 (*CPR* 1385–88, pp.293, 312, 315).

²¹ It was neither impossible nor unusual for an active clerk to be a residentiary of more than one collegiate church within the York diocese. From the early thirteenth century onwards Beverley owed much to the interest and ability of an almost continuous 'York element' within its chapter. In the years covered by the Chapter Act Book it was represented by Robert de Pickering, dean of York (below, pp.80–1) and John de Nassington (whose residentiary status at York is, however, uncertain) (above, pp.49–50), and evidence is not lacking of the lesser chapters' dependence upon them (*BCA*, i, pp.36–7, 62, 233, 313).

More adequate chapter records would probably reveal Fenrother as an interesting example of a clerk fulfilling the modest residence requirements of two subordinate churches (between which such links were rarer). He was certainly a residentiary of Ripon between 1408 and 1410 (*MR*, iv, pp.146, 149, 150, 152, 171), and evidence is not lacking of his involvement in the affairs of Beverley, where he apparently died (*ERAS*, v, pp.40, 41; *YD*, ix, p.20; *MR*, iv, p.164). His successor, William Scrope, is styled a residentiary of Beverley and Ripon on his memorial in York Minster (*MR*, iv, p.195).

²² He was therefore nephew of Richard Scrope, arbp of York (1398–1405), and brother of Henry, third, and John, fourth, Lords Scrope of Masham, and of Stephen Scrope, archdeacon of Richmond (1400–18).

and CL by 1431 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1660–1). King's clk 1456 (*CPR* 1452–61, p.277). Said at death to have been residentiary of Beverley and Ripon (*MR*, ii, p.195).²³

C. of Ripon and p. of Nunwick 1411–63 (*MR*, ii, p.195; iv, pp.161–2, 226). R. of Catton (nr Thirsk) 1411–28 (*Visitations of Religious Houses, Lincoln*, CYS, i, p.185), of free chapel of West Witton 1421–8, 1438–?1458 (*YAJ*, xxv, pp.205, 212, 224; xxx, p.58), of Middleton-on-the-Wolds 1448–? (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.), of Goldsborough 1452–63 (*YAJ*, xxx, pp.106, 130). Master of St Leonard's Hospital, York, 1431–56 (*CPR* 1429–36, p.183; 1452–61, p.277; Cotton MS Vespasian xiii, f.60). C. of Howden and p. of Skipwith 1448–57 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

C. of Lincoln 1431–7, ?–1448, archd. of Stow 1443–8 (Le Neve, pp.19, 30, 112). Archd. of Durham c.1448, vac. by 1452 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.113). For widespread lesser benefices in southern province, held at various times, see Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit. At time of death held (in addition to Yorks. prebends and rectory of Goldsborough) mastership of Greatham Hospital and probably p. in Darlington, both dio. Durham (*ibid.*).

- 1463–7 Mag. ROBERT CLIFTON. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 28 May 1463 (Reg. W. Booth, f.56). Vac. on death by 17 June 1467 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.23; *Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.65n.).

Nephew of Arbp W. Booth, being son of his sister Alice (*ibid.*; *YAJ*, xxx, p.46). BCnL Cambridge 1465 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.143).

C. of Southwell and p. of North Muskham 1454–67 (*Memorials of Southwell*, p.156; *Test. Ebor.*, loc.cit.). Archd. of ER 1464–7 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.23).

He is almost certainly to be distinguished from Oxford clk, Robert Clyfton (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.448), who was probably v. of Hampton, Middlesex 1457–60, of Sunbury 1460–3 (*ibid.*).²⁴

- 1467–73 Mag. THOMAS BLOXHAM. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 27 June 1467 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.5v.). Vac. on death between 21 April and 25 May 1473 (*ibid.*, i, f.1; Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.204–5).

Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, 1449–61, 2nd bursar 1450–1, 3rd bursar 1455–6, 1459–60, subwarden 1463–4. BM 1455, DM by 1467 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).²⁵

Otherwise unbeneficed in north, elsewhere at death: chaplain of St Cecilia's chapel in Minster Lovell churchyard, r. of free chapel of

²³ Scrope's tenure of prebends in Beverley and Ripon for 52 years was the longest recorded in either church. Though proof of his residence at Beverley is no longer evident he was certainly in residence at Ripon in 1444 (*MR*, iv, pp.185–6). So far as is known his career was undisturbed by the tragedies which befell his family in the early fifteenth century—the execution of his uncle, Arbp Scrope, in 1405, and of his brother, Henry, in 1415, both for alleged treason. He was himself buried in St Stephen's Chapel in York Minster (*MR*, ii, p.195).

²⁴ Emden leaves open the possibility that they were one and the same (see also Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.). The acquisition of vicarages, however, was not in the manner of a member of the Booth clan. Our Robert Clifton must have died young and without warning, dying intestate three years before his mother (*Test. Ebor.*, loc.cit.). Emden omits both his Beverley and Ripon prebends.

²⁵ He was thus a contemporary at Oxford of Arbp G. Neville who collated him to St Michael's.

Okeney-cum-Petsoe, of Standlake, all dio. Lincoln, of Standerwick, dio. Bath and Wells, and of free chapel of Lasborough, dio. Worcester (*ibid.*).

- 1474–90 Mag. RICHARD KELSEY. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 24 Dec. 1474 (Reg. G. Neville, i, f.1). Vac. on death by 16 Feb. 1490 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.99).

BCL Oxford 1457 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1030).

P. of Osmotherley²⁶ ?–1490 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.175).

Subdean of Salisbury 1486–90 (Le Neve, p.7). R. of Hambleden 1457–90, of West Wycombe 1462–c.1466, both dio. Lincoln, of Upton Lovell, dio. Salisbury, 1476–c.1486 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1490–2 Mag. JOHN LASCY. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 16 Feb. 1490 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.99). Vac. on res. by 1 Sept. 1492 (*ibid.*, p.100).

C. of Southwell and p. of Woodborough 1452–92 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.148, 160).

Possibly same as John Lascy, p. of Wells 1472–c.1493²⁷ (Le Neve, *B and W*, pp.29, 76).

- 1492–3 Mag. GEOFFREY BLYTHE. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 1 Sept. 1492 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.100). Vac. on res. by 10 April 1493 (*ibid.*, p.101).

Nephew of Arbp Rotherham and brother of John Blythe, bp of Salisbury (1493–9). Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, 1486–94, dean 1492–3, warden of King's Hall 1486–1528 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.67–8). Lord President of Council of Wales 1512–24 (*ibid.*). Bp of Coventry and Lichfield 1503–30.

C. of York and p. of Strensall 1493–1503, archd. of Cleveland 1493–7, dean 1497–1503 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.8, 21, 82). R. of Headon (Notts.) 1494–? (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.168).

Besides deanery and prebends in York and Beverley, cons. left vac. archdeaconries of Salisbury and Gloucester and p. in St Paul's, London (Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.13; *MC*, p.61; *St Paul's, London*, p.62; Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

- 1493–1503 Mag. HUGH TROTTER. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 10 April 1493 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.101). Vac. on death between 31 Aug. and 28 Sept. 1503 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.219–21; Reg. Savage, f.24).

Student and master at Cambridge, possibly continuously, from c.1469; BTh 1482, DTh 1488; fellow of Queens' College, Cambridge, 1484–9, senior bursar 1484–5, 1487–8, junior bursar 1485–7 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.595–6). Active and much favoured servant of Arbp Rotherham

²⁶ In the Yorkshire franchise of Durham.

²⁷ This John Lascy, who is not described as 'magister', died in possession of his Wells prebend. Though John Lascy, p. of Beverley and Southwell, resigned both prebends in the previous year he may well have done so in anticipation of death.

from c.1490²⁸; vicar general (with three others) of Arbp Savage 1501 (Reg. Savage, f.2v.). Residentiary of York 1496–1503 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174).

Provost of Beverley 1493–1503 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.101; Reg. Savage, f.24; *BCA*, ii, pp.xciii–xciv; above, p.11). C. of York and p. of Dunnington 1490–1, of Driffeld and precentor 1494, treasurer 1494–1503 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.12, 14, 47). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1491–3 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.100, 101). R. of Wilford (Notts.) 1489–94 (*ibid.*, pp.163, 167).

1503–5 Mag. RICHARD RAWLINS. P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 28 Sept.1503 (Reg. Savage, f.24). Vac. on res. by 28 Nov.1505 (*ibid.*, f.28).

Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, 1484–92, 3rd dean 1486–7, 2nd bursar 1487–8, 2nd dean 1488–9, 1st dean 1489–91, 1492, warden 1509–21; BTh 1493, DTh by 1495 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1552–3). Chaplain to Henry VII, almoner to Henry VIII from 1509. Bp of St Davids 1523–36.

Subdean of York 1504–7, archd. of Cleveland 1507–23 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.17, 21). C. of Howden and p. of Skipwith 1506–? (Reg. Savage, f.87).

Elsewhere held in year of cons.: archdeaconry of Huntingdon, prebends in St Paul's, London, St George's, Windsor, and St Stephen's, Westminster, and rectories of St Mary, Woolnoth, and St Martin's, Ludgate, both dio. London (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.; S.L. Ollard, *Fasti Wyndesorienses*, p.74).

1505–
?1531 Mag. THOMAS HULSE (HOLES). P. of St Michael's Altar, coll. 28 Nov.1505 (Reg. Savage, f.28), still 1526 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001). Vac. probably on death before 11 July 1531 (*YAJ*, xxiv, p.241).

Probably kinsman, possibly nephew, of Andrew Hulse,²⁹ who was archd. of York 1442–70 and agent at *Curia* (*ibid.*, p.241n.). BCL probably Oxford (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.981–2).

P. of Salisbury 1489–1531 (Le Neve, pp.36, 82). Also in dio. Salisbury held at death rectories of Dinton, Staunton and Wishford Magna (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

?1532–
1546 Mag. WILLIAM HOGESON. P. of St Michael's Altar by 1536 (*YAJ*, xxiv, p.241), but probably succeeded Thomas Hulse c.1532 (*ibid.*). Vac. on death by 10 Dec.1546 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, xxi, pt 2, no.648).

Dominican friar. BTh Oxford 1512 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.942). Bp of Daria in *partibus infidelium* 1520–46; suffragan of bp of Winchester c.1521–1528, of arbp of York c.1531–1535 (*YAJ*, xxiv, pp.236–42).

²⁸ Rotherham had recruited a band of able administrators whilst bp of Lincoln and imported a number of them, almost as a group, to the York diocese. William Sheffield, Henry Carnbull, Martin Collins, William Constable and Richard Brindholme, all of whom received prebends in York and Beverley, had all been well known to him at Lincoln. Joined by Trotter c.1490, they presided over both churches, as they did over the York diocese, for the greater part of twenty years, in the long absences of their archbishop. Rich men furnished with ability, their association with York and Beverley is commemorated in numerous and costly embellishments of the fabric, and their pious and munificent wills witness to the mutual goodwill which seems to have prevailed among them.

²⁹ Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.949.

C. of York and p. of Grindale 1532, res. before 3 Oct. 1534 because of insufficient title (Le Neve, *NP*, p. 56). Master of Killingwoldgraves Hospital c. 1532–c. 1544 (*YAJ*, xxiv, pp. 240–2).

In dio. Winchester he was r. of St Laurence, Winchester, 1521, of Burghclere 1521–46, of Horley 1522–?, of Havant ?–1522, of Chilbolton 1522–?46 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Hogeson provides an interesting instance of a mendicant, raised to an episcopal see without territorial jurisdiction or revenues in order to serve as a suffragan, being found secular means of support. In the Winchester diocese, where he served Bp Richard Fox, this had been derived from rectories, and in the north, under Arbp Edward Lee, it came chiefly from this prebend. An initial attempt to secure for him one of the less valuable prebends in York having failed, St Michael's appears to have provided an alternative.

In an exercise of scholarly detection J. Bilson and A.H. Thompson identified beyond reasonable doubt Hogeson as the prebendary buried at the east end of the south choir aisle of Beverley Minster, under a stone bearing the inscription 'Of your charite pray for ye soule of William sometyme byssop of dariens and prebendary of thys church'.³⁰

1546–7 WILLIAM GILES. P. of St Michael's Altar by royal grant 10 Dec. 1546 (*L and P*, *Henry VIII*, xxi, pt 2, no. 648), still Jan. 1547 (*CPR* 1547–48, p. 170).

King's chaplain 1546 (*L and P*, *Henry VIII*, xxi, loc.cit.).

By the time of the chantry certificate (c. 1547/8) the prebend was, like St Andrew's, 'in thandes and possession of Sir Mychaell Stanhope, knight, chief gentleman of the Kynges Majesties Prevye Chamber' (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p. 527³¹).

³⁰ J. Bilson, 'Beverley Minster: some stray notes', *YAJ*, xxiv, pp. 221–35; A.H. Thompson, 'William Hogeson, *Episcopus Dariensis* 1520–1546, with notes on some errors regarding him', *ibid.*, pp. 236–57.

³¹ Where St Michael's prebend is called St Nicholas's by mistake.

The Prebend of St Peter and St Paul's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St Peter's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d.
Thraves	Major Renders, Pensions	£ 17 10s. 0d. ²	£ 17 10s. 0d.
Tithes	Woodmansea, Thearne, Wawne, Skidby, Beverley Park	£ 15 14s. 7½d.	£ 15 14s. 7½d.
Rents	Risby, Etton, Beverley Town	£ 7 8s. 4d.	£ 7 8s. 4d.
	Gross value		£ 48 6s. 11½d.
Less fee to receiver of the prebend		£ 2 0s. 0d.	£ 2 0s. 0d.
	VALUE CLEAR		£ 46 6s. 11½d.

¹ *Valor*, v, p.130.

² The thrave sources of St Peter's prebend are the only ones not named in the *Valor* or elsewhere. By process of elimination, therefore, they can be deduced with reasonable certainty as being the parishes of Huggate, Sancton, North Newbald, North Cave, Bishop Burton, South Cave, Langtoft, Kilham, Westow, North Grimston. The last four probably contributed pensions. Brantingham, despite an apparent reference in the Act Book to the contrary, almost certainly did not render thraves to St Peter's prebend. The individual there excommunicated for non-payment in fact came from Broomfleet in the neighbouring parish of South Cave (*BCA*, ii, pp.15-16).

Of the constituent parishes of the Durham franchise of Howden only Walkington, in which the church of Beverley had considerable interests, was subject to the levy (above, p.35n.).

Prebendaries of St Peter and St Paul's Altar¹

By 1220— Mag. RICHARD DE CORNUBIA.² C. of Beverley and p. of 'Risby'³ by
c.1234 4 April 1220 (YD, ix, p.102; *Reg. Gray*, p.68). Vac. on death c.1234
(*ibid.*).

Clk and councillor of Arbp Gray from c.1215 (*Reg. Gray*, *passim*).

C. of York and p. of ? by 27 Jan.1217 (CPR 1216–25, p.28), occurs 1218
1221 and 1225 (*ibid.*, pp.130, 140; YMF, ii, p.100), chancellor by 1 July
1225 (*Reg. Gray*, p.2), still Nov.1233, vac. by 3 Nov.1234, presumably
on death (CCR 1234–37, p.6; *Reg. Gray*, pp.64, 68). R. of South Kirkby
by c.1218⁴ (*ibid.*, p.128).

By 1242— Mag. SIMON OF EVESHAM. C. of Beverley and p., probably of St Peter's
1271 Altar, by 1242⁵ (BL Lansdowne MS 194). Vac. on death before
19 Aug.1271 (YMF, i, p.93).

Chaplain and personal scribe of Arbp Gray by c.1226, still 1232 (*Reg.*
Gray, pp.10, 54 *et passim*).

R. of Weighton 1227–30 (*ibid.*, p.15). C. of York and p. of Weighton
1230–c.1271 (*ibid.*, pp.49, 50; YMF, i, p.93), precentor by 1241 (*Chartul-*
ary of Rievaulx, SS, 83, p.201; *Reg. Gray*, pp.191, 195), archd. of ER by

¹ Hereafter referred to as prebendaries of St Peter's Altar.

² Cornubia is almost invariably assumed to mean Cornwall, though in this instance C.T. Clay allows 'the faint possibility that he (Richard) came from Cornouaille in Brittany' ('Early Precentors and Chancellors of York', YAJ, xxxv, p.138). Emden also lists him as 'Cornwall', distinguishing him from a canon of Lincoln of the same name (*Oxford*, i, p.490). There are grounds, however, for believing him to have originated from the village of Cornwell, near Chipping Norton, on the western border of Oxfordshire, just over the boundary of Walter Gray's former diocese of Worcester. Quite apart from the fact that this places him within the recruiting ground of several of Gray's prominent assistants at York, the archbishop's family had associations with Cornwell: between Oct.1214 and Nov.1215 Gray, as bishop of Worcester, witnessed the grant by his mother, Hawisia de Gray, of the church of Cornwell to Osney Abbey (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.280n.1). Six years later a Richard de Gray was elected abbot of Osney.

Cornubia's closeness to Gray from the outset of his primacy suggests that he had been recruited during the latter's brief time at Worcester (C.R. Cheney, *English Bishops' Chanceries, 1100–1250*, pp.10, 16).

During Richard de Cornubia's lifetime a family bearing his name first emerges in the parish of Etton, near Beverley (T.W. Hall, *Etton, an East Yorkshire Village, 1170 to 1482*, (1932) pp.9–10, 13). The possibility that these were relatives of Richard, who perhaps followed him north, is strengthened by the knowledge that he himself contested the advowson of Etton church with Nicholas de Stutteville in 1233 (*Reg. Gray*, p.64).

³ See above, p.59n. This, the only territorial description of a Beverley prebend, may indicate the stage at which prebends were finally named. The reference belongs to a period of major reconstruction of the Minster, following the collapse of the tower c.1213. Two years earlier Arbp Gray, when launching a building appeal, could describe the church as *miserabili ruina sit enorma deforma* (*Reg. Gray*, p.55). The prebend of St Mary's Altar had already been named (*loc.cit.*), and others probably followed as new altars were dedicated.

Risby can readily be identified with St Peter's prebend, which drew rents and tithes from the locality (BCA, ii, p.341). The nearby chapel of Thearne was noted in the chantry certificate as being in 'the parish of St Peter in Beverley' i.e. served by the parochial vicar of St Peter's Altar (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.537).

⁴ Certainly not 'before 1214' as stated in Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.490.

⁵ Mag. William Scott, who died in this year, witnessed an undated charter with Evesham, both as canons of Beverley (*loc.cit.*). The latter's prebend is nowhere named, but his tenure of it for at least 29 years in the mid-thirteenth century almost certainly eliminates all save St Peter's.

1247 (CCR 1242–47, p.548; *Reg. Gray*, pp.259, 261n.), of Richmond by 1262, probably till death (CPR 1258–66, p.217; *Reg. Giffard*, p.2. See also YMF, i, pp.14–15).

R. of Taynton, dio. Worcester, from c.1225 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.657).

By 1279–
1288 Mag. ROBERT DE FANGFOSS. P. of St Peter's Altar by 1279 (YD, ix, p.12).
Vac. on death by 10 March 1288 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.372).

Household clk of Arbp Giffard by 1268, still 1271 (*Reg. Giffard*, pp.14, 30, 92, 115, 124).

R. of Foxholes 'temp. Arbp Walter' i.e. Arbp Giffard 1266–79 (*Chartulary of Whitby*, i, SS, 69, p.312), probably till death (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.206).

He appears to have left York to enter service of Giffard's brother, Godfrey, bp of Worcester. At what date is uncertain, but he was archd. of Gloucester by 29 April 1284 when he witnessed obedience of prior of Finchdale for ch. of Giggleswick in porch of Foxholes ch. (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.39). He was regarded as non-resident by Arbp Romeyn in 1286 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.360–1).

1288–
1332 Mag. ROBERT DE PICKERING. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 10 March 1288 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.372). Vac. on death 31 Dec.1332 (*Reg. Melton*, ff.102–3; Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1533).

Son of Adam and Maud le Brus of Pickering,⁶ and brother of Mag. William de Pickering, whom he succeeded as dean of York 1312. Mag., probably of Oxford, DCL by 1281, possibly of overseas university (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.175). *In civili sapiencia solempniter regendo tam in cismarinis quam ultramarinis partibus famosus ubilibet divulgatus* (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.76). Clk of Arbp Wickwane by 1281 (*Reg. Wickwane*, loc.cit.). Official of York by 1289, still 1298 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.209; ii, p.264). Vicar general in spirituals of Arbp Greenfield 1311–12, 1315 (*Reg.*

⁶ Maud le Brus was the daughter and heiress of Simon Ughtred of Scarborough (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.209n.; YAJ, xxxii, p.410) and therefore a kinswoman of Mag. Robert de Scarborough, dean of York 1279–90 (below, pp.90–1), whose father was Robert Ughtred of Scarborough (YMF, i, p.10).

Three chantry foundations associated with the Pickerings, taken together, point to further family connections:

1) The chantry founded at Beverley by Robert de Pickering in 1307 was for the souls of (among others) Adam, his brother, and Cecily, his sister (BCA, i, p.206).

2) In 1317 Alexander, son of Bernard de Barugh, founded a chantry in Kirby Misperton church for the souls of Mag. William and Mag. Robert de Pickering, William de Barugh, Bernard Barugh and Cecily his wife and their ancestors (VCH, North Riding, ii, p.449).

3) At an unknown date William le Brus established a chantry in Pickering church for the souls of himself and his wife, Matilda, Adam and Matilda his parents, Mag. William and Mag. Robert de Pickering . . . and William and Alexander Burch (*sic*) (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.417n.).

If the Cecyls in the first and the second of the above are one and the same, then the Pickerings were brothers-in-law of Bernard de Barugh of Great Barugh in the parish of Kirby Misperton, a verderer of Pickering Forest. The connection is of interest because Bernard was the son of Agnes, elder sister of Walter Romeyn, whose lands in Great Edstone and Great Barugh were, in 1242, held by William de Kirkby 'le Romain' (*Kirkby's Inquest* (SS, 49), pp.118, 121–2; *The Priory of Hexham*, ii (SS, 46), p.100). In 1254 Adam, son of William 'called the Roman', was presented to the church of Kirby Misperton upon the ordination of Mag. John le Romeyn, treasurer of York and father of Arbp John le Romeyn (*Reg. Gray*, p.120n.).

Greenfield, i, pp.61–7; ii, pp.115–21; iii, pp.65–8, 198–202; iv, p.184; v, pp.5, 144, 149, 176). King's clk, employed intermittently on important diplomatic missions 1302–15 (*CPR* 1301–07, pp.56, 57, 103, 238, 383, 384; 1307–13, pp.12, 437; 1324–27, p.46; *CCR* 1302–07, pp.81, 105, 106, 337, 340, 353).

R. of Bilton-in-Ainsty 1287–94, when Bilton made prebend in York (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.69; ii, pp.19–22), c. of York and p. of Bilton 1294–8 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.209; *YMF*, ii, p.8), of Holme 1298–1332 (*Le Neve*, *NP*, p.56), dean 1312–33 (*ibid.*, p.6). R. of Kirby Misperton 1290–1303 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.170; *Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.141), of Hutton Cranswick 1295–1303 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.239; *Reg. Corbridge*, i, pp.178, 195; *CPL*, ii, p.84), of Huggate 1305–c.1318 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.169; *CPL*, ii, p.176), of Brantingham by 1306–c.1320 (*Reg. Greenfield*, v, p.146; *CPL*, ii, p.198). C. of Howden and p. of Barnby 1303–5 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, pp.134–5).

P. of Lincoln 1306–27 (*Le Neve*, p.59). Archd. of Northumberland 1312 (*CPL*, ii, pp.109, 110; *Le Neve*, *MC*, p.113).

Despite his many commitments Pickering appears to have fulfilled statutory residence at Beverley throughout most of his 44 years as a prebendary, and to have kept close watch on the affairs of the chapter. He succeeded Walter of Gloucester (above, p.22) as president of the chapter, probably before the latter's death in 1310. Numerous references indicate the reliance placed by the residentiary body upon his judgement, important decisions being postponed on account of his absence, and urgent requests being made for his counsel.⁷ A DCL by 1281 he must have been approaching at least 80 years of age when he died some 50 years later. In 1307 he gave eight shops, recently built on his prebendal land between the High Street and Fishmarket Gate in Beverley, for a chantry at St Peter's Altar for the souls of Arbp Greenfield, his family and himself (*BCA*, i, pp.206–7).

- 1333–49 RICHARD DE FERRIBY. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. Jan.1333 (*Reg. Melton*, ff.102, 103; *BCA*, ii, pp.102–3), having been c. of Beverley 'awaiting next vacant prebend' from 1320 (*CPL*, ii, p.202; *BCA*, ii, p.74). Vac. on death by 10 Oct.1349 (*CPL*, iii, p.317).

King's clk. Clk of William Melton. Controller of wardrobe, 1312–20, cofferer 1320–3, controller 1332–4, keeper 1334–7 (Tout, *Chapters*, ii, pp.238n., 273; iv, p.79; vi, pp.27, 31, 122–3; J.H. Johnson in *English Government at Work*, i, 1940, p.242). Deputy treasurer of England in absence overseas of treasurer (Zouch) 1339–40 (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, p.45; vi, p.22). In 1337 ordered that 'In consideration of the goodness, knowledge and fidelity which the king has from early years found in him, and for his good services to Edward II and the present king, who bears special affection for him, he be retained for life as a member of

⁷ *BCA*, i, pp.36–7, 61–2, 197, 238–9, 386. In the Act Book Pickering is recorded as being present in chapter in the years 1305, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1311, 1312, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1321, 1323, 1324, 1325, and 1331 (*ibid.*, i and ii, *passim*). A serious eye infection in the autumn of 1315 prevented him from going to Gascony in the king's service (*C Chancery Warrants*, i, p.422), and his death was wrongly reported in Beverley in Jan.1323 (*BCA*, ii, pp.24–5).

the king's household and *familia*', and receive allowances from wardrobe accordingly (*CPR* 1334–38, pp.518, 522, 526).

P. of St Paul's, London, c.1329–49 (Le Neve, p.54). R. of Benniworth in 1320 (*CPL*, ii, p.202), of Surfleet by 1329, still 1338 (*ibid.*, p.293; *Lettres Communes*, viii, no.45403).⁸

Almost certainly introduced to the royal service by William Melton, whose kinsman he was, Ferriby's departure from the wardrobe in 1337 marks his virtual retirement (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.45, 98n.6) possibly to Beverley.

- 1349–58 Mag. ANDREW OFFORD. P. of St Peter's Altar by papal provision 10 Oct.1349 (*CPL*, iii, p.317; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.116). Vac. on death at *Curia* by 18 Nov.1358 (*ibid.*, pp.156, 169, 213; *C Pap. Pet.*, i, pp.309, 310).

Brother of John Offord, chancellor of England (1345–9) and arbp-elect of Canterbury 1348. DCL (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1390–1). Chancellor and vicar-general in spirituals of Thomas Hemenhale, bp of Worcester, 1337–8.⁹ King's clk, envoy at *Curia* 1343–4 (*CPL*, iii, pp.2–5, 8–9, 17). Clk in chancery from 1345 (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.159, 163, 170), king's councillor 1346 (*CPR* 1345–48, pp.17, 91; Tout, *Chapters*, v, p.101n.) Envoy of Edward III, overseas continuously 1345–55 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.). Temporary keeper, with two others, of great seal 1353–? (Tout, *Chapters*, vi, p.15).

C. of York and p. of South Newbald 1346–9, of Masham 1349–58 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.66, 71).

Elsewhere also held at death archdeaconry of Middlesex (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, pp.11, 12), provostry of Combe in Wells, with p. of Combe Duodecima annexed (Le Neve, p.34), and rectory of Over, dio. Ely (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1360–? JOHN DE BLEWBURY (BLEBURY). P. of St Peter's Altar, estate ratified 22 March 1360 (*CPR* 1358–60, p.341).¹⁰ Vac. by 4 June 1368 when Thomas de Orgrave coll. (Reg. Thoresby, f.67; Dade p.31).

King's clk. Dead by 25 May 1372 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.464).

P. of Wells 1354–66 (Le Neve, *B and W*, pp.56, 68), of Salisbury 1358–72 (Le Neve, p.75), of St Paul's, London, 1362–3 (Le Neve, p.63), of St Stephen's, Westminster, 1363, still 1366 (*ibid.*; Reg. S. Langham,

⁸ Despite his high office, his association with Arbp Melton, and the regard in which he was held at court, Ferriby's benefices remained modest, and he experienced curious difficulty acquiring more. Though provided to a prebend in Lincoln he apparently failed to secure one (*CPL*, ii, p.391), and thirteen years elapsed before he secured St Peter's in Beverley, St Katherine's, in the meanwhile, having eluded him (*BCA*, ii, p.74).

⁹ R.M. Haines, *The Administration of the Diocese of Worcester in the Second Half of the Fourteenth Century* (1965), pp.10, 104, 125–6, 135, 324–5, 329.

¹⁰ Blewbury almost certainly succeeded Offord in 1358, having contested the latter's possession of the prebend as early as 1356 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.102, 155). In the years following Offord's death he himself withstood three papal sentences secured against him by Richard de Drax (d.1361) and Richard de Sugsworth (?Southworth) (*ibid.*, pp.155, 169). A third contender, Roger de Freton (dean of Chichester c.1368–82) appears to have been equally unsuccessful in 1366, even though Blewbury was by then adjudged deprived by the papal court (*ibid.*, pp.297, 347).

Cant., CYS, 53, p.106), of Llandewi Brefi in 1366–c.1368 (*ibid.*; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, pp.353, 479). R. of Withern, dio. Lincoln in 1366 (*Reg. S. Langham*, loc.cit.).

- 1368 THOMAS DE ORGRAVE. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 4 June 1368 (*Reg. Thoresby*, f.67; Dade, p.31). Vac. possibly on exch. with Richard de Chesterfield for p. of Oxton Prima in Southwell c.25 Aug.1368 (*ibid.*).

Sub-treasurer of exchequer by 1371, still 1381 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.367; Tout, *Chapters*, iii, p.369), king's chamberlain of exchequer 1385–6 (*CPR 1385–89*, p.236; Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.430n., 451; iv, p.334n.). Died 1386 (*ibid.*, iii, p.451).

C. of Southwell and p. of Oxton Prima 1368–? (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.148). C. of York and p. of Fridaythorpe 1377, of Ampleforth 1386 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.28, 50).

Archd. of Cornwall 1371–7 (Le Neve, *Exeter*, p.16), p. of Exeter 1372, still 1376/7 (*ibid.*, p.38), of Wells ?–1377 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.23).

- 1368–1405 Mag. RICHARD DE CHESTERFIELD. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 25 Aug.1368 (*Reg. Thoresby*, f.67; Dade, p.31) possibly following exch. with Thomas de Orgrave for p. of Oxton Prima in Southwell.¹¹ Vac. on death by 17 Jan.1405 (*Reg. Scrope*, f.11).

King's clk by 1360 (*CPR 1358–61*, p.492), treasury clk in receipt by 1362, deputy treasurer 1363, still 1365 (Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.248–51). Residentiary of Beverley by 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.248), of Lincoln 1383, still 1401 (K. Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals*, pp.353–7), and possibly of Southwell by 1379, still 1392 (*Memorials of Southwell*, p.lix).

C. of Southwell and p. of Oxton Prima 1365–8 (*Reg. S. Sudbury, London*, CYS, i, p.247; Le Neve–Hardy, iii, p.447), again (p. unknown) by 1379, probably still 1392 (*Memorials of Southwell*, loc.cit.). R. of Flintham 1360–? (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.25).

P. of St Paul's, London, 1361–5 (Le Neve, p.66), of Lincoln 1363–1405 (Le Neve, p.97), of St Stephen's, Westminster, 1360–?, 1364–6 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.408), of Darlington 1366–? (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.25). R. of Horstead, dio. Norwich, 1351–? (*CPR 1350–54*, p.123), of Brancepeth, dio. Durham, 1363–? (*CPR 1361–64*, p.280. See also Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.408–9).

As treasurer's clk in the receipt Chesterfield was accused of fraud and other offences by the two chamberlains of the exchequer in 1364.¹² Though declared innocent in two hearings by the Council, his accusers being dismissed in disgrace, he may have felt his career blighted, for in the ensuing few years he exchanged his southern preferments for others in the north. He may well have taken up residence in one or more of his churches considerably earlier than is indicated above.¹³ He submitted

¹¹ Chesterfield obtained another prebend in Southwell shortly afterwards (see below).

¹² Tout, *Chapters*, iii, pp.248–51; M.V. Clarke, *Fourteenth Century Studies* (1968) pp.255–6.

¹³ The eight months greater residence at Lincoln, for which Chesterfield qualified between 1383 and 1401, was not incompatible with the modest twelve weeks required at Beverley. Though a substantial benefactor of Southwell there is no clear evidence of his residence there (Edwards, op.cit., p.52; *BCA*, i, p.192; *Memorials of Southwell*, loc.cit.).

to Neville's visitation of Beverley in 1381, when he was shown to have kept (with Henry de Snaith) better residence than his fellow canons (*BCA*, ii, p.248). Besides his recorded residence at Lincoln over 18 years evidence of his continuing interest in both Beverley (as senior canon after 1391) and Southwell is not lacking.

1405–
13/14 Mag. RICHARD DE CONNINGTON (CONYNGSTON). P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 17 Jan.1405 (Reg. Scrope, f.11), re-presented by Crown 9 Aug., estate ratified 19 Oct.1405 (*CPR 1405–08*, pp.42, 262). Vac. on death between 28 Dec.1413 and 4 Jan.1414 (Reg. Wills, I, ff.166–166v., Reg. Bowet, ii, f.48v.).

Official of York and chancellor of Arbp Alexander Neville in 1381, still 1386 (*BCA*, ii, pp.204–5, 232, 241; *CPL*, v, p.200). Official of Coventry and Lichfield of Bp Richard Scrope by 1393, still 1398 (*CPL*, iv, pp.53–4; *CPR 1396–99*, p.326), and vicar-general in spirituals 1396, 1397 (*ibid.*). Chancellor of Arbp Scrope 1399, still 1405 (Reg. Scrope, ff.3, 6v., 50v., 52). Official of York of Arbp Bowet from 1408 (Reg. Bowet, i, f.2).¹⁴ DCL (university unknown) by 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.204). Buried, as requested, at Southwell (Reg. Wills, I, loc.cit.).

C. of York and p. of Barnby 1387–8, of Bole 1400–3, of Weighton 1403–5, of Laughton 1405–1413/14, archdeacon of York 1388–1405 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.18, 31, 35, 65, 89). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1402–13/14 (Reg. Scrope, f.3; Reg. Bowet, ii, ff.48, 353). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1405–? (*YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.227–8). R. of Brandesburton 1404–?, of Penistone ?–1413/14, of Hickling ?–1413/14 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.2164–5; *YAJ*, xxxvi, loc.cit.; *Fasti Parochiales*, ii, p.26).

P. of Lincoln 1388–95 (Le Neve, p.46), of Lichfield 1393–1409 (Le Neve, *C and L*, pp.43, 69), of St John's, Chester, 1398–1405 (*CPR 1396–99*, p.350; Reg. Scrope, f.11v.). R. of moiety in Malpas, dio. C and L, 1395–1405 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Having served Arbp Alexander Neville from at least 1381, when he took part in the latter's visitation of Beverley, Connington took up similar employment in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield under Richard le Scrope. He returned to York as Scrope's chancellor in 1398. After the archbishop's execution on 8 June 1405 he was apparently required to convince the king of his loyalty, for two days later he received 'a pardon for all treasons' (*CPR 1405–08*, p.19). Shortly after Bowet's translation to York, in 1408, he returned to the post of official of York, which he had relinquished more than 20 years earlier.

1414–15 RICHARD BOWET. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 5 Jan.1414 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.48v.). Vac. on exch. with William Skirwith for hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Ripon, 7 June 1415 (*ibid.*, f.53; *MR*, ii, p.145).

¹⁴ Conington's long service at York under three archbishops illustrates the way in which the three distinct offices of chancellor, official and vicar-general, or any two of them, could be held by a single leading clerk, and separated again at the will of the diocesan. In the years which followed the uniting of these functions became commonplace and of longer duration, so concentrating powers that in the final decades of the fifteenth century distinguished men such as William Poteman (below, pp.86–7) and William Sheffield, his successor in this same prebend (below, pp.87–8), were in turn the absent archbishop's *alter ego* in the running of the diocese.

Kinsman of Arbp Bowet. Possibly same person as Mag. Robert Bowet¹⁵ (see below).

Warden of Killingwoldgraves Hospital 1414 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.183). Master of hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Ripon, 1415 (*ibid.*, ff.53, 53v.; MR, loc.cit.).

- 1415 WILLIAM SKIRWITH. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 7 June 1415 on exch. with Richard Bowet for hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Ripon (*ibid.*). Vac. on res. 10 June 1415 (*ibid.*).

'Clk of Carlisle' (*ibid.*), possibly relative of Arbp Bowet.¹⁶

Master of hospital of St Mary Magdalen, Ripon, 1408–15, 1415, probably still 1423 (Reg. *Bubwith, B and W*, Somerset Rec. Soc. xxix, p.40; Reg. Bowet, i, ff.53, 53v.; MR, loc.cit.; *Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.82).

P. of Wells ?–1408 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.50).

- 1415–30 Mag. ROBERT BOWET. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 10 June 1415 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.53; MR, ii, p.145). Vac. on death by 20 Feb.1430 (Reg. Kempe, f.6v.).

Illegitimate nephew of Arbp Bowet. BCn and CL Oxford by 1419 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.235).

Archd. of Nottingham 1419–30, c. of York and p. of Ampleforth 1423–30 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.24, 28). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1422–3 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.232). R. of Kelham 1426–8, of Workington 1429–30 (*YAJ*, xxv, p.235; Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

R. of Benacre, dio. Norwich, 1419, of Woodeaton, dio. Lincoln, ?–1426 (*ibid.*).

- 1430–51 Mag. WILLIAM FELTER. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 20 Feb.1430 (Reg. Kempe, f.6v.) estate ratified 24 May 1430 (*CPR 1429–36*, p.36). Vac. on res. by 28 Jan.1451¹⁷ (Reg. Kempe, f.71).

Fellow of Merton College, Oxford in 1406–16, 1st bursar 1414–15. DCnL by 1422 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.675–6). Clk of Robert Hallum, bp of Salisbury in 1417 (Reg. *Hallum*, CYS, lxxii, p.247). Chancellor of Nicholas Bubwith, bp of Bath and Wells, 1422–4 (Reg. *Bubwith, B and W*, Somerset Rec. Soc. xxx, p.413), of Arbp Kempe 1426–51

¹⁵ William Skirwith, who exchanged St Mary Magdalen's Hospital, Ripon, with Richard Bowet for St Peter's prebend on 7 June 1415, regained it three days later, resigning the prebend, to which Robert Bowet was then collated. Were this simply a reversal of the initial exchange, as Professor Hamilton Thompson believed it to be, then he was surely correct in concluding that Richard and Robert Bowet were one and the same (*YAJ*, xxv, p.234), 'Richard' being a mistake for Robert, who certainly occupied the prebend after 1415. There is a case, however, for believing the manoeuvre to have been more subtle, one might say devious. The second stage of the transaction, unlike the first, is not recorded as being *ex causa permutacionis*. Moreover it is strange that the name Richard is repeated in the second stage when Robert also occurs. Richard is then shown as simply resigning the hospital. Perhaps a clue as to what was afoot is afforded by Arbp Bowet's will of 1423, where it is stated that the latter had retained in his hands for the previous eight years (i.e. from 1415, the year of the transaction) the fruits of Skirwith's benefices, valued at £120 6s. 8d. (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.82).

¹⁶ Skirwith in Cumberland is about six miles from Penrith where Arbp Bowet's father is buried.

¹⁷ Not on death as stated in *Miscellanea*, ii (p.295).

(*Records of the Northern Convocation*, SS, 113, p.157; *Miscellanea*, ii, pp.292, 294–5; *Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.115), vicar-general in spirituals 1450–1 (*ibid.*). Residentiary of York 1441–51 (Dobson, *op.cit.*, *JEH*, 30, p.174). Died 10 April 1451.

Archd. of York 1435–6, dean 1436–51, c. of York and p. of Apesthorpe 1441–51, of Driffeld 1451 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.8, 18, 30, 45). R. of Almondbury 1430–51 (Emden, *Oxford*, *loc.cit.*).

A Somerset man, Felter's earlier preferments were concentrated in the West Country, the best of them being acquired whilst in the service of Bp Bubwith. His association with both Hallum and Bubwith in their latter years suggests his presence with them at the Council of Constance (1414–18). His acquaintance with Kempe almost certainly began in their Oxford years, when both were fellows of Merton (1406–7). Active in diocesan affairs from 1426, he came to fulfil a key role in the running of the York diocese, conducting numerous visitations of churches on behalf of his absent arbp, including Ripon (1439) and Beverley (1442) (*MR*, ii, pp.147–53; *Miscellanea*, ii, p.273). He remembered St Peter's Altar, Beverley, in a pious will dated 6 April 1451, and was buried in the choir of York Minster, where he had founded the chantry of the Cross, St Anne and St Anthony for the souls of Henry VI, Queen Margaret, himself, his family and benefactors, including Kempe and Hallum (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, i, p.16).

1451–76 Mag. JOHN LYTHAM (LATHUM). P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 28 Jan. 1451 (Reg. Kempe, f.71). Vac. on death by 8 Aug. 1476 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.178).

Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge, 1430–5, BCn and CL by 1435 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.354). Sequestrator in dio. Durham by 1436 (Reg. Langley, SS, iv, no.1173; v, no.1326). Secretary of Arbp Kempe 1442–52 (Emden, *Cambridge*, *loc.cit.*).

C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1442–51 (Reg. Kempe, ff.48v., 71v.). R. of Kneesall 1435–41, of Thorner 1443–?, of Beetham 1447, of moiety of Treswell 1448–? (Emden, *Cambridge*, *loc.cit.*). Dean of royal free chapel in Pontefract Castle c.1440, still 1445 (*VCH, Yorkshire*, iii, p.367). Master of Holy Trinity Almshouses and College, Pontefract, 1448–62 (Reg. Kempe, f.411; Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.15).

In dio. Durham: v. of St Oswald's, Durham, 1435–45 (Reg. Langley, iv, nos.1160, 1189; Emden, *Cambridge*, *loc.cit.*). R. of Gateshead 1435–6 (Reg. Langley, iv, nos.1127, 1160, 1177; *Fasti Dunelm.*, p.77). Chaplain of chantry of SS John Apostle and John Baptist in Gateshead ch. in 1432 (Reg. Langley, iv, nos.957, 959, 976, 993; vi, no.1565; vi, p.13).

1476–93 Mag. WILLIAM POTEMAN. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. probably c. August 1476.¹⁸ Vac. on death by 27 March 1493 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.101).

Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, 1447–59, warden 1459–66; BCL 1452, DCL 1456 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1506–7). Official of archd. of Buckingham in 1460–1 (*ibid.*). Official of York 1465–76, 1480, still 1489, vac. by June 1492 (BCA, ii, p.xcii; Reg. Rotherham, i, pp.187, 206,

¹⁸ Already provost, without a prebend, for approaching ten years, he may be assumed to have followed Lytham, but at what date is uncertain. Arbp George Neville had died on 8 June; unless, therefore, Lytham resigned the collation was not his.

217, 231, 236). Vicar-general in spirituals of Arbp G. Neville 1467 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.90), of Arbp Rotherham from 1480 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.187). Residentiary of York 1468–93 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174), of Ripon 1479, still 1492 (*MR*, iv, pp.229–30; *Ripon Chapter Acts*, SS, 64, pp.249, 271, 273, 281, 291, 299).

Provost of Beverley 1467–93 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.5v.; Reg. Rotherham, i, p.101; *BCA*, ii, pp.xcii–xciii; above, p.11). C. of York and p. of Weighton 1467–70, of Barnby 1470–5, of Strensall 1475–93; archd. of Cleveland 1470–85, of ER 1485–93 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.21, 23, 32, 81, 89). C. of Ripon and p. of Nunwick 1478–93 (*MR*, ii, pp.196–7; iii, pp.166, 256, 261; *Ripon Chapter Acts*, SS, 64, *passim*). R. of Settrington 1466–70. Master of St Mary Magdalen's Hospital, Ripon, 1479–85 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.). C. of Hemingbrough and p. of 2nd prebend 1466–7, 1476–93 (T. Burton, *History of Hemingbrough*, p.78).

Relinquished all preferment in southern province, including prebends in St Paul's, London, and Lincoln, long before death (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Poteman provides an instance of the way in which both the preferment and career of a distinguished academic could be influenced by university connections. His standing at All Souls brought him the college benefices of Standlake, dio. Lincoln, Elmley, dio. Canterbury, and Tring, dio. Lincoln, and whilst warden he served as official of Richard Andrew, archd. of Buckingham and himself a former warden. He joined Andrew at York in 1465, the latter being then dean, in the service of Arbp George Neville, currently in his fourth and longest term as chancellor of the University. It is possible he was accounted a residentiary of Beverley, as well as of York and Ripon, being excused, as official of York, the full obligations of residence. He remembered the church in his will, and Richard Brindholme, p. of St Katherine's Altar (below pp.109–10) and John Sharparrow, sacrist of Beverley (below pp.117–18) were his executors (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.78–81).

1493–6 Mag. WILLIAM SHEFFIELD. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 27 March 1493 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.101). Vac. on death 8 Dec.1496 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.118–20).

Son of Sir Robert Sheffield kt who married Genette Lound, heiress of South Cave. Clk of Thomas Rotherham, bp of Lincoln, 1472–80. Vicar-general in spirituals of Arbp Rotherham (with two others)¹⁹ from Aug.1485 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.210), alone after c.1490, still 1496 (*ibid.*, pp.69, 84, 89, 239). Official of York, jointly with Poteman 1489 (*ibid.*, p.231), alone by June 1492 (*ibid.*, p.236). Residentiary of York 1488–96 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, pp.164, 174). DCnL, Cambridge (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.521–2).

C. of York and p. of Fridaythorpe 1483–5, treasurer 1485–94, p. of Thockrington 1494–6, dean 1494–6 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.8, 14, 51, 84). Warden of St Mary's Hospital, Bootham, York 1488–96 (Reg. Rotherham, i, pp.92, 117).

P. of Lincoln 1463–?1477, archd. of Stow 1477–96 (Le Neve, pp.19, 88). From c.1459–c.1484 held a succession of rectories dio. Lincoln

¹⁹ Robert Booth and William Poteman.

(Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.), and retained till death rectory of Great Chesterford, dio. London (*ibid.*).

By 1526–
before
1535 THOMAS WINTER. P. of St Peter's Altar in 1526²⁰ (*L and P*, Henry VIII, iv, pt I, nos.1790, 2001). Vac. by 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.130).

Natural son of Cardinal Wolsey (A.F. Pollard, *Wolsey*, 1965, pp.306–12).

Provost of Beverley c.1526–c.1543 (Reg. Lee, f.74; Pollard, op.cit., p.309; *BCA*, ii, pp.xcv–xcix; above, p.12). C. of York and p. of Fridaythorpe 1522–3, of Strensall 1523–8, archd. of York 1523–40, of Richmond 1526–9 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.19, 27, 52, 82). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1522, of Overhall 1522–9, of Rampton 1529–41 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.152, 153, 158, 160). R. of Hutton Rudby in 1526 (*L and P*, loc.cit.; Pollard, op.cit., p.309). Master of St Leonard's Hospital, York, 1528–9 (*L and P*, Henry VIII, iv (2), no.4526).

Elsewhere he was: p. of Lincoln 1522–9 (Le Neve, p.92), of Salisbury 1522–9, chancellor ?–1530 (Le Neve, pp.18, 30); p. of Wells 1526, dean 1525–9 (Le Neve, *B and W*, pp.6, 56). Archd. of Norfolk ?–1530, of Suffolk 1526–? (Le Neve, *MC*, pp.30, 34), of Cornwall 1537–43 (Le Neve, *Exeter*, p.17). R. of St Matthew's, Ipswich, in 1526 (Pollard, op.cit., p.309).

Though still in his mid teens when he first appears as p. of St Peter's, his preferments were already over £2000 in value, a figure which rose to £2700 in the years following. Educated in Paris and Italy his academic attainments are unknown. He appears to have lost much of his preferment on the fall and death of his father in 1529, and disappears from view on relinquishing his two remaining major dignities, the provostship of Beverley and the archdeaconry of Cornwall, in 1543.

By 1535–
1541 Mag. WILLIAM STRANGEWAYS. P. of St Peter's Altar by 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.130). Vac. on death by 9 May 1541 (Reg. Lee, f.73).

Receiver general and temporal chancellor of Cuthbert Tunstall, bp of Durham (1530–52, 1559). One of the Strangeways of West Harlsey, Osmotherley, in Durham franchise of Allertonshire, and Whorlton, a family with a long tradition of service to see of Durham. BCn and CL.

C. of York and p. of Holme 1533–41 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.57).

Dean of Auckland ?–1541 (*Fasti Dunelm.*, p.125).

1541–
?1545 Mag. THOMAS BLENNERHASSET. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. 9 May 1541 (Reg. Lee, f.73; Dade, p.31). Vac. probably on death before 5 Feb.1545 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.8).

Precentor of Lichfield 1538–45 (*ibid.*).

?–1548 Mag. ROBERT BABTHORPE. P. of St Peter's Altar, coll. probably c.Feb.1545 following death of Thomas Blennerhasset. Vac. 1548 when prebend surrendered to Sir Michael Stanhope (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.525).

²⁰ He may have received the prebend in 1522, the year in which he received others in York, Southwell and Lincoln, and possibly resigned it in 1528, when he relinquished those in York and Lincoln in expectation (it was alleged) of the see of Durham.

2nd son of William Babthorpe of Osgodby, and brother of Sir William Babthorpe kt (T. Burton, *History of Hemingbrough*, pedigree opp. p.311). Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, 1524-?, possibly of King's Hall 1534-44; MA 1525, BD 1533, DD 1539 (C. Cross, *York Clergy Wills 1520-1600: 1, Minster Clergy* (Borthwick Texts and Calendars, 10, 1984), p.107; Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, pt 1, i, p.63). Residentiary of York by 1552 (*York Cathedral Statutes*, p.70).

C. of York and p. of Ulleskelf 1544, subdean 1548-70 (Le Neve, 1541-1857, iv, pp.11, 60). R. of Kirk Deighton 1537-70 (Cross, loc.cit.). C. of Howden and p. of Thorp (Burton, loc.cit.).

Babthorpe was one of two prebendaries of Beverley apparently at hand to give information to the chantry commissioners regarding their other preferments in c.1547, which may indicate residence. He was then described as 'beyng of th'age of xlix yeres, having over and besides the said prebende other lyvinges to the value of xxii li' (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, loc.cit.).

The Prebend of St Stephen's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St Stephen's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d.
Thraves	Major Renders	£ 29 10s. 0d. ²	
	Pensions	£ 2 2s. 8d.	£ 31 12s. 8d.
Tithes	Molescroft	£ 5 17s. 11d.	
	Lesser tithes	£ 9s. 0d.	£ 6 6s. 11d.
Rents	Cherry (North) Burton	£ 13s. 4d.	
	Beverley Town	£ 6s. 5d.	£ 19s. 9d.
	Gross Value		£ 46 13s. 4d.
Less pension to St James's prebend			£ 2 13s. 4d.
	VALUE CLEAR		£ 44 0s. 0d.

¹ *Valor*, v, p.131.

² St Stephen's thraves were derived from the following sources: Cherry (North) Burton £1 6s. 8d., Rowley £1 6s. 8d., Skerne £2 0s. 0d., Ellerker £2 6s. 8d., Watton £13 6s. 8d., Scarborough 10s. 0d., Lockington £1 13s. 4d., Lund £3 6s. 8d., Leconfield £1 6s. 8d., Wressle £1 6s. 8d., Bubwith £1 0s. 0d., with pensions from Kirby Grindalythe 13s. 4d., Weaverthorpe 6s. 8d., Foxholes 10s. 0d., Folkton 8s. 0d., Rudston 3s. 4d., Cowlam 1s. 4d. St Stephen's also received the prior of Watton's dues from Kilnwick, where St Martin's also had an interest (*BCA*, i, p.225), Molescroft, in the parish of Beverley (*ibid.*, ii, p.129), Wharram-le-Street (*ibid.*, ii, p.133) and Sledmere, which was originally associated with Kirby Grindalythe (*Fasti Parochiales*, iii, pp.52-3).

Prebendaries of St Stephen's Altar

By 1279— Mag. ROBERT DE SCARBOROUGH (UGHTRED). P. of St Stephen's Altar by
1290 1279¹ (YD, ix, p.12). Declared deprived by Arbp Le Romeyn
10 Sept.1287 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.367-8). Finally vac. on formal resignation 8 May 1290 (*BCA*, ii, pp.160-1; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.385).

Son of Robert Ughtred of Scarborough (*C Inquis. Post Mortem*... (Rec.Comm.), iii, no.471). Clk in chancery by 1263, still 1279 (*CCR* 1272-79, p.501; *YMF*, i, p.9). King's envoy at *Curia* 1282-3 (*ibid.*), in Ireland 1287 (*CPR* 1281-92, pp.24, 270).

C. of York and p. of Grindale ?-1279, of Knaresborough 1280, of Hushwaite 1280-90; archd. of ER by 1263-79; dean 1279-90 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.1, 2, 5, 258; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.385; *BCA*, ii, pp.160-1; *YMF*, i, pp.8-10, 42; ii, pp.38, 42, 45). R. of Adlingfleet 1269-90 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.30; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.385), of Foston-on-the-Wolds by 1275-90 (*Fasti Parochiales*, iii, p.32).

P. of St Paul's, London, by 1287-?, warden of house for converted Jews, Chancery Lane, by 1287-? (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.366-7; Le Neve, p.33).

¹ The absence of any record of Scarborough's appointment either to this prebend or to that of Grindale in York may mean that he received both from Arbp Ludham (1258-65), whose executor he had been (*Reg. Giffard*, p.172), and on whose collation he became archdeacon of the East Riding in or before 1263. The identity of the prebend is not in doubt: Henry de Carlton, chosen to succeed on Scarborough's deprivation, was prebendary of St Stephen's Altar throughout most of the Act Book years.

His frequent appearances in diocesan records belie the fact that he was normally absent, sometimes overseas, in the royal service. A man of considerable fortune, he lent 300 marks to Arbp Wickwane, and 1000 marks to Arbp Le Romeyn at the time of his consecration (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.319; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.109). His bitter quarrel with the latter ended only after royal intervention in 1290, when he resigned all his main preferments in return for an annual payment of 400 marks² (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.385; *BCA*, ii, p.160). He was dead, however, by 10 March 1291 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.109).

- 1290—
1325 Mag. HENRY DE CARLTON. P. of St Stephen's Altar by 20 June 1290 (*BCA*, ii, p.161), Arbp Le Romeyn having commissioned Mag. Robert de Pickering on 3 Jan.1290 'to offer to Mag. Henry de Carlton the prebend in the church of Beverley which had belonged to Mag. Robert de Scarborough' (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.381).³ Scarborough did not finally resign p. until 8 May, and Carlton was probably admitted shortly afterwards (*BCA*, ii, pp.160–1). Vac. on death by 23 Oct.1325 (*Reg. Melton*, f.85).

So far as is known he held no other preferment and, on the evidence of the Act Book, spent the whole of his 35 years as a prebendary in almost perpetual residence at Beverley (*BCA*, i and ii, *passim*), occasionally visiting his place of origin, which was probably Carlton-in-Lindrick (*ibid.*, i, pp.154, 368; ii, p.173).⁴

- 1329–61 RICHARD DE OTTRINGHAM. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 15 March 1329 (*CPR 1354–58*, p.178). Vac. on exch. with Richard de Thearne for prebend of Pipa Parva in Lichfield 4 April 1361 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.50).

Household clk of Arbp Melton 1318, still 1332 (*BCA*, i, p.361; *Reg. Melton*, i, pp.10, 117, 127; ii, pp.116, 143; *MR*, ii, p.111), having previously been his vicar at Beverley, i.e. of St Michael's Altar (*BCA*, i, pp.267–8; 360–1).

Vicar of St Michael's Altar in collegiate church of Beverley 1310–18 (*ibid.*; below, p.132). R. of Kneeton 1318, still 1319 (*BCA*, i, p.361; *Reg. Melton*, i, pp.10, 117), of Kirkby Overblow 1323–47 (*Reg. Melton*, f.100; *MR*, ii, p.111). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1322–? (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.218). Warden of St Mary Magdalen's Hospital, Southwell, 1362–? (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.50).

P. of Lichfield 1361–2 (*ibid.*).

² The less attractive side of Romeyn's character is revealed throughout his dispute with Scarborough, whom he prosecuted with a vigour as vindictive as it was relentless. The latter's failure to acknowledge his debts arising from the defence of his rectory of Adlingfleet, and his non-residence at Beverley, may have occasioned the quarrel, but scarcely explain its bitterness (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.47, 62–3, 74; *BCA*, ii, pp.149, 153–4).

³ On 26 Sept.1287 Arbp Le Romeyn issued a mandate to the chapter to induct Boniface de Augusta to the prebend made vacant by Scarborough's deprivation (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.369; *BCA*, ii, p.154). The vacancy was not then recognised by anyone but Romeyn himself, and by the time Scarborough relinquished the prebend two and a half years later Boniface had fallen for St Martin's prebend (see above, p.48).

⁴ To identify Carlton as the Mag. Henry de Carlton, rector of Costock, between Nottingham and Loughborough, 1268–80, would mean that he lived at least 57 years after graduation (*Reg. Giffard*, p.85; *Reg. Wickwane*, pp.69, 70).

Ottringham provides the only instance of a prebendal vicar receiving a prebend in Beverley. This fortune he undoubtedly owed to Arbp Melton's special favour, exercised under a papal faculty of Jan. 1328 permitting the arbp to collate to prebends in York, Southwell, Beverley, Ripon and Howden (*CPL*, ii, p.268). His early promise of residence was short-lived, for in 1334 Melton requested that his clk, in view of his diocesan service, be allowed his corrody though absent (*BCA*, ii, p.106).⁵

His right to the prebend was constantly questioned throughout his lengthy tenure of it, but he retained possession despite prolonged, and sometimes violent, assaults upon his title.⁶

- 1361–91 RICHARD DE THEARNE (THORNE, THOREN⁷). P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. c.4 April 1361, following exch. with Richard de Ottringham for p. of Pipa Parva in Lichfield (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.50). Vac. on death between 28 July and 30 Nov. 1391 (*BCA*, ii, p.266; *CPR* 1388–92, p.511; Le Neve, *NP*, p.56).

King's clk in 1354 (*CPR* 1354–58, p.75). Described as papal chaplain 1361 (*CPL*, v, pp.266–7). Residentiary of York by 1371 (*York Fabric Rolls*, SS, 35, p.126). Keeper of temporalities of York 1373–4. Vicar-general of Arbp Arundel 1388–9 (Reg. Arundel, ff.6v., 15v.).

C. of York and p. of Holme 1360–91 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.56). Warden of Bawtry Hospital 1366–? (*CPR* 1364–67, p.329).

P. of Lichfield 1360–1 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.50), of Chichester by 1363–6 (Le Neve, p.50). R. of Barton-le-Clay, dio. Lincoln, ?–1360 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.56).

One of three canons who appeared at Arbp Alexander Neville's visitation of Beverley in 1381, when he confessed to less than satisfactory residence (*BCA*, ii, pp.230–3, 248). His last recorded appearance in chapter was to approve Arbp Arundel's statutes 28 July 1391⁸ (*ibid.*, pp.265–6).

- 1391–9, ?–1429 Mag. JOHN DE MIDDLETON. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 30 Nov. 1391 at request of Richard II (*CPR* 1388–92, p.511);⁹ re-grant 28 March 1397 (*CPR* 1396–99, pp.106, 492). Probably deprived by 25 Sept. 1399 when Robert de Wolveden had coll. of p. (*CPR* 1399–1401, p.32; Reg. Scrope, f.1v.) Apparently regained possession by May 1400 (*CPL*, v, p.294).¹⁰ Vac. on death c.22 March 1429 (Reg. Kempe, f.7v.; *CPR* 1422–29, p.532).

⁵ For a precedent for this concession at Beverley see above, p.50.

⁶ The root of the problem lay in indiscriminate grants by Pope John XXII (*CPL*, ii, *passim*; *BCA*, i, pp.399–400; ii, p.14).

⁷ Though nearly always referred to by these variants, he in fact originated from Thearne (Thoren), a short distance south of Beverley on the River Hull (*ERAS*, v, p.48).

⁸ Listed first among the prebendaries assenting, he was by this time the senior canon.

⁹ With Middleton's collation St Stephen's once more became the centre of dispute.

¹⁰ The reason for Middleton's departure from the prebend is not altogether clear, but he was certainly deprived of St Nicholas's Hospital, York, at this time, indicating that it was unrelated to his earlier dispute with a provisor, Nicholas de Riston, at the *Curia*, where his right to the prebend was apparently vindicated. More likely is it that he suffered in the aftermath of the demise of his patron, Richard II. The length of Middleton's deprivation is uncertain. The evidence of papal records is that it was either short-lived or went unrecognised, but recognition at the *Curia* was no guarantee of actual possession. Reinstatement at Beverley possibly ensued from his restoration to favour in 1400 as physician to Henry IV.

Fellow of University College, Oxford, 1381/2, still 1387/8 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1276–7). King's clk, physician to Richard II by 1395, still 1399, to Henry IV by 1400, still 1402 (*ibid.*).

R. of Settrington 1396–? (*CPR* 1396–99, p.43). Master of St Nicholas's Hospital, York, 1398–9, ?1409–1429 (*CPR* 1396–99, p.385; 1399–1401, p.32; 1422–29, p.532). C. of Howden and p. of Thorpe 1414–29 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

Archd. of Norfolk 1390–9 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.29). P. of St Patrick's, Dublin, 1396–? (*CPR* 1396–99, p.46), of cursal p. of St David's 1397–? (Le Neve, *WD*, p.75), of St Martin-le-Grand, dio. London, ?–1414 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

1399–? ROBERT WOLVEDEN. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 25 Sept.1399 (Reg. Scrope, f.1v.); royal grant 31 Oct.1399 (*CPR* 1396–99, p.62); instituted 23 Nov.1399 (Reg. Scrope, f.1v.) Appears to have relinquished p. by May 1400, when Middleton again described as p. (*CPL*, v, p.294).

Household clk of Arbp Scrope, moving with him from Lichfield to York 1398 (Reg. Scrope, ff.1, 3, 11v., 57, 74v., 100v., 108v.). Residentiary of York 1419–32 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174). Died Sept.1432.

C. of York and p. of Thockrington 1400–1, of South Newbald 1401, of Knaresborough 1401–8, of Wetwang 1408–26, treasurer 1426–32 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.14, 60, 72, 83, 90). C. of Southwell and p. of Oxton and Cropwell ?–1405, of Norwell Overhall 1405–?1432 (Reg. Scrope, ff.11v., 12). Master of St Nicholas's Hospital, York, 1409–? (*CPR* 1408–13, p.104).

Precentor of Lichfield 1390–1426, dean 1426–32 (Le Neve, *C and L*, pp.6, 8). Archd. of Norwich 1406–7 (Le Neve, *MC*, p.27). P. of St George's, Windsor 1407–12 (*Fasti Wyndesorienses*, p.57). Dean of Tettenhall, dio. Coventry and Lichfield, 1412–? (*CPR* 1408–13, p.415).

Though serving first at Lichfield where he retained important dignities, York appears to have held prime place in his affections. Like subsequent treasurers he was a generous benefactor of the Minster fabric, and is commemorated in four of its windows.¹¹ In his will he left £20 to the fabric fund, and lesser sums to Southwell and Lichfield (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.91–2). The fact that Beverley features nowhere among his benefactions suggests that his association with the church was brief.

1429–53 Mag. WILLIAM DUFFIELD. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 22 March 1429 (Reg. Kempe, f.7v.) Vac. on death 7 March 1453 (Reg. W. Booth, f.29; *Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.148).

Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, by 1398–1422, 3rd bursar 1409–10. Senior Proctor of Oxford University 1407–8 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.601–2). Custodian of temporalities of see of Rochester 1419, of

¹¹ His arms feature in the widow of the north transept immediately behind the tomb of Arbp Greenfield, and in the corresponding window of the south transept. His name is repeated in the easternmost window of the north choir aisle, which was donated by him, and he is depicted at prayer in the ninth compartment of the St Cuthbert Window in the south choir transept with the words *A beate Willme ora pro tui famuli aia Roberti* (Wolveden).

Chichester 1420, both prior to John Kempe's entry into possession (*ibid.*). Chaplain of Arbp Kempe by 1426, still 1438 (*CPL*, vii, pp.472, 544; ix, p.10). Residentiary of York 1439–53 (Dobson, *op.cit.*, *JEH*, 30, p.174).

C. of York and p. of Wistow 1433–53, archd. of Cleveland 1434–53, (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.21, 93). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Overhall 1432–50, 1451–3 (Emden, *Oxford*, *loc.cit.*).

Duffield was for a time a contemporary at Merton of John Kempe (a fellow by 1395, 1st bursar 1403–4). His preferments mark the latter's steps towards Canterbury. It was to Kempe that he owed the rich rectory of Copford, dio. London, in 1422, and the archdeaconry of Colchester in 1425. Coming north early in Kempe's primacy at York, he exchanged the archdeaconry for the p. of Wistow in 1433, the arbp adding the archdeaconry of Cleveland in 1434. He and John Barningham¹² were joint keepers of the temporalities of Rochester on Kempe's behalf, and they and Stephen Wilton¹³ were close friends and colleagues throughout their time at York, bearing much of the administrative burden of the see. Duffield left £5 to Beverley's fabric fund (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.125–52).

1453–7 Mag. LAURENCE BOOTH. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 11 March 1453 (Reg. W. Booth, f.29). Vac. on res. c.1 June 1457 (*ibid.*, f.36v.).¹⁴

Half-brother of William Booth (arbp of York 1452–64). Master of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, 1450–80, chancellor of Cambridge University 1457, still 1458. BCL by 1448, Lic.CL by 1450 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.78–9). Chancellor of Margaret of Anjou by 1452, still 1456. Keeper of privy seal 1456–60. Lord Chancellor 1473–4. Bp of Durham 1457–76. Arbp of York 1476–80.

Provost of Beverley 31 May–c.Sept.1457 (Reg. W. Booth, f.36v.; *BCA*, ii, p.xc; above, p.10). C. of York and p. of Wistow 1453–7, of Wetwang 1457, archd. of Richmond 1454–7¹⁵ (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.26, 91, 93).

The Booth half-brothers owed their early advancement in a large measure to Queen Margaret, whom they served in turn.¹⁶ Laurence Booth as bp of Durham appears to have convinced Edward IV of his loyalty, being one of the few Lancastrian bps to be further promoted in church and state by the Yorkist regime. In addition to his York preferment his cons. in 1457 also left vacant the deanery of St Paul's, London, a p. in that church, and another in Lichfield (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, pp.6, 47, 53, 63, 67; *C and L*, pp.41, 48, 60). He was buried at Southwell; for his will see *Test. Ebor.*, iii, pp.248–50.

¹² See above, p.29.

¹³ See above, p.54.

¹⁴ Possibly in anticipation of his provision to the bishopric of Durham on 22 Aug. He was consecrated 25 Sept. Resignation without good reason was not, however, within the character of the Booths, and the possibility that Laurence Booth transferred for a brief period to another prebend cannot be ruled out. He certainly retained the provostship until his consecration, and we know that St Martin's prebend fell vacant on the death of Stephen Wilton (above, p.54) within a week of his resignation of St Stephen's.

¹⁵ For his register as archdeacon see *YAJ*, xxx, pp.112–20.

¹⁶ See A.R. Myers, 'The household of Margaret of Anjou', in *Bulletin of John Rylands Library*, xl, pp.81–2.

- 1457-9 Mag. ROGER RADCLIFFE. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 1 June 1457 (Dade, p.27). Vac. on res. by 2 July 1459 (Reg. W. Booth, f.48v.)

Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge, 1444-c.1462; seneschal 1454-9. DCL by 1454 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.469). Official of Ely to Bp William Gray 1454-69 (*ibid.*).¹⁷ Chancellor of Elizabeth Woodville, probably from her marriage to Edward IV (1464), certainly from 1465 (CCR 1461-68, p.301). Died July 1471.

C. of Beverley and p. of St James's Altar 1464-71 (see above, p.40). C. of York and p. of Masham 1459-71 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.68). R. of Adbolton 1459-? (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

Also at time of death dean of St Paul's, London, and p. in that church, and archd. of Salisbury (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, pp.6, 34; *Salisbury*, p.12).

- 1459-75 Mag. VINCENT CLEMENT. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 2 July 1459 (Reg. W. Booth, f.48v.) Vac. on death by 4 March 1475 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.7av.; Dade, p.27).

Native of Valencia, Aragon. Papal subdean and chamberlain by 1442. Envoy of Henry VI and Duke Humphrey of Gloucester at *Curia* 1440, 1442, of Arbp Stafford 1443. Papal nuncio in England 1444. King's councillor and president of *Camera Comptorum*, Rouen, 1447. Collector-general in England of papal *Camera* from 1450, re-apptd 1455, 1458, deposed 1460, reinstated 1469. Envoy of Edward IV at *Curia* 1454. Incorporated DTh at Oxford at king's request 1441 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.432-3).

Clement's vast collection of dignities and benefices included, at time of death, archdeaconries of Winchester and Huntingdon, treasurerships of Lichfield and Lincoln, prebends in Wells,¹⁸ Hereford, Lincoln and Wingham, and rectory of Olney, dio. Lincoln, but no other preferment in north. Abroad, he also held at death provostship and p. in Valencia, his birthplace (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- 1475-99 Mag. THOMAS BAROWE. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 4 March 1475 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.7av.) Vac. on death between 23 June and 9 July 1499 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.117; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.107).

King's scholar, Eton, c.1451-6, scholar of King's Hall, Cambridge, 1456-7, fellow 1458-73. LCL by 1475 (Emden, *Cambridge*, pp.40-1). Examiner of witnesses in court of York 1482-? (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.195). Clk of Richard, duke of Gloucester, his chancellor by 1483. Master of rolls 1483-5, keeper of privy seal 1485 (CPR 1476-85, pp.412, 462, 505; 1485-94, p.25).

C. of York and p. of Langtoft 1478-99 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.63). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1475 (YAJ, xxxvi, p.239). Sacrist of

¹⁷ See also R.M. Haines, 'The Associates and *Familia* of William Gray and his use of patronage while bishop of Ely (1454-78)' in *JEH*, xxv, pp.225-47.

¹⁸ Omitted in Le Neve, *B and W* (p.28). Clement had collation of Combe Sexta in Wells on 15 Jan. 1445, and the fact that the next known occupant, Richard Mayew (below, pp.97-8), came to the prebend in 1475 may indicate that he retained it until his death in that year (*Reg. Bekynton* (Somerset Record Society, 49 and 50), i, p.22; ii, p.431; *Reg. Stillington and Fox*, (SRS, 52), p.106).

Southwell 1475 (Reg. G. Neville, ii, f.3v., 7v.). R. of Cottingham 1472–99 (*CPR* 1467–77, p.369).

Elsewhere held prebends in Lichfield, Lincoln, St Stephen's, Westminster, and Wells, together with provostship of Combe in Wells, archdeaconry of Colchester, and rectory of Coningsby, dio. Lincoln, at time of death (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.). Of these only preferment in Wells came after death of Richard III in 1485.

Great St Mary's, Cambridge, was the chief beneficiary in his will, receiving £240 towards its construction (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, loc.cit.).

1499–
1503 Mag. MARTIN COLLINS. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 9 July 1499 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.107). Vac. on res. by 28 Sept. 1503 (Reg. Savage, f.24v.).

Principal of Burden Hostel, Cambridge, in 1488–9. BCnL 1477, DCnL by 1486 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.152). President of Lincoln consistory court 1486–? (*ibid.*). Official of York to Arbps Rotherham, Savage and Bainbridge by 1499–1509 (Reg. Rotherham, i, pp.130, 177; Reg. Savage, f.2; Reg. Bainbridge, f.1v.). Vicar-general of Arbp Savage 1501–7 (Reg. Savage, f.2). Residentiary of York 1498–1509 (Dobson, op.cit., *JEH*, 30, p.174). Died 4 Feb. 1509.

C. of York and p. of Apesthorpe 1494–5, of Bugthorpe 1495–6, precen-
tor 1496–1503, treasurer 1503–9 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.12, 14, 30, 41). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1505–9 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.151, 158). R. of Wilford, Notts., 1494–1509 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.167; Reg. Bainbridge, f.6), of Barton-in-Fabis 1496–1509 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.86; Reg. Bainbridge, f.6v.), of Kirkby-in-Cleveland 1503–9 (Reg. Savage, f.19; Reg. Bainbridge, f.7). Vicar of Leeds 1499–1500 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.130; Reg. *Sede Vacante* 1500–1, f.521v.). Master of St Mary's Hospital, Bootham, York, 1500–9 (*ibid.*, f.521v.; Reg. Bainbridge, f.76).

Collins probably came to the notice of Rotherham at Cambridge, for he appears to have served at Lincoln only under Bp John Russell, who awarded him his two benefices outside the York diocese (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.). He seems to have joined Rotherham at York following Russell's death in 1494, already groomed for the officiality, and to have come to share the administration of the diocese with Hugh Trotter¹⁹ and Henry Carnbull²⁰ within a short time of arrival, replacing William Sheffield in this triumvirate. For the will of this wealthy treasurer of York, dated 18 Aug. 1508 (six months before his death), see *Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.277–82.

1503–4 Mag. THOMAS MAGNUS. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 28 Sept. 1503 (Reg. Savage, f.24v.). Vac. on exch. with Richard Mayew for archdeaconry of ER 12 June 1504 (*ibid.*, 26v.).

Native of Newark-on-Trent. D. (probably of civil law) of foreign university. Clk of Arbp Savage by c.1503. Clk and chaplain of Henry VIII. Surveyor and receiver general of Council of the North from 1525, councillor by 1545 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, v, no.402). Died 28 Aug. 1550.

¹⁹ See above, pp.75–6.

²⁰ See above, pp.32, 56.

Archd. of ER 1504–50 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.23;²¹ Le Neve, 1541–1857, IV, p.16). Sacrist of St Mary and Holy Angels, York 1504–47 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.242–4). Master of Hospital and College of Sibthorpe, Notts. 1503–c.1548 (Reg. Savage, f.71), of St Leonard's Hospital, York, 1529–40 (*L and P*, Henry VIII, iv, pt 2, no.4526). R. of Sessay 1497–1550 (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.152; memorial in Sessay ch.), of South Collingham 1498–? (Reg. Rotherham, i, p.170), of Kirkby-in-Cleveland 1509–50 (Reg. Bainbridge, f.7), of Bedale by 1525–50 (H.B. McCall, *The Early History of Bedale*, 1907, pp.107–8, 114–15). Vicar of Kendal by 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.268; *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.243).

C. and p. of St George's, Windsor, 1520–47 (*Fasti Wyndesorienses*, p.100), of Lincoln 1521–49 (Le Neve, pp.55, 100), of Llandewi Brefi, dio. St David's, by 1535 (*Valor*, iv, p.397; *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.243). Dean of free chapel of Bridgnorth, r. of free chapel of Whipstode, dio. Winchester, and of Claverley, all in 1535²² (*ibid.*; see also Thompson, *English Clergy*, p.122n.)

A devoted servant of the Tudor monarchy who, whilst remaining a conservative in religion, played a leading role in gaining the northern clergy's formal acceptance of the Henrican reformation. For a full outline of his career see C. Cross, *York Clergy Wills 1520–1600*, I, pp.86–7; A.H. Thompson in *YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.242–4, and for comment upon it A.G. Dickens, *The English Reformation*, 2nd edn., 1989, pp.67–8.

1504 Mag. RICHARD MAYEW. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 12 June 1504 following exch. with Thomas Magnus for archdeaconry of ER (Reg. Savage, f.26v.). Vac. on cons. as bp of Hereford by 27 Oct.1504.

Fellow of New College, Oxford, 1459–71, principal of Hart Hall 1468–71, president of Magdalen College 1480–1508. BTh by 1475, DTh by 1478. Chancellor of University of Oxford 1503–6 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1248–9). Chaplain to Richard III in 1484 (*CPR* 1476–85, p.378), to William Smith, bp of Lincoln in 1488, to Henry VII in 1491 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.), his almoner in 1497 (*CPR* 1494–1509, p.108; Reg. Richard Mayew, CYS, 28, p.1). Bp of Hereford 1504–16.

Archd. of ER 1501–4²³ (Le Neve, *NP*, p.23).

In addition to St Stephen's p. res. archdeaconry of Oxford, prebends in Wells and Salisbury and rectory of Brightwell, dio. Salisbury, on cons.

[The succession to St Stephen's prebend after the resignation of Richard Mayew c.Oct.1504 is uncertain. The next occupant of whom there is definite evidence is Peter Carmelian who had the prebend in 1526.

Mayew's most likely successor would seem to have been either

- i. Carmelian himself. Most of his preferments were acquired in the first decade of the century, his prebend in York as early as 1501; or ii. Thomas Dalby, who was provost from 1503, but whose first

²¹ His memorial brass at Sessay confirms that he died in Aug.1550, not 1551 as shown here.

²² Magnus's total income from benefices, excluding his prebend in Windsor, amounted to £769 17s. 6½d. (A.H. Thompson, *English Clergy*, p.122n.2), £681 14s. 2½d. of which came from the York diocese (A.J. Dickens, *English Reformation*, p.44).

²³ Not archdeacon of York as stated in Emden, *Oxford*, (loc.cit.).

appearance as a prebendary occurs close to the time of his death on 26 Jan. 1526, when he held St James's prebend. Leach, citing Arbp Savage's will of 1507 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.308–23), of which Dalby was an executor together with Thomas Magnus, implies that he (Dalby) was by then a prebendary. Were this the case his prebend would almost certainly have had to be St Stephen's or St Peter's, which alone have a period of uncertainty at this juncture,²⁴ for his possession of St James's cannot have been earlier than 1517 (see above, p.44n.).]

- ?-c.1527 Mag. PETER CARMELIAN. P. of St Stephen's Altar in 1525/6 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001). Vac. almost certainly on death early 1527.

Latin secretary to Henry VII, probably by 1495, and to Henry VIII till 1513. Royal chaplain by 1500. Apostolic and imperial notary public by 1502 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.358–9).²⁵

C. of York and p. of Ampleforth 1501–27 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.29).

Elsewhere preferment at time of death included archdeaconry of Gloucester, prebends in Hereford, Salisbury and possibly Wells and St Stephen's, Westminster, and rectory of St George's, Southwark.

A wandering humanist scholar from Brescia who came to England in 1481. After an earlier association with the printers Rood and Caxton he became the first to hold the office of Latin secretary under Henry VII. It is doubtful whether he had any formal connection with Oxford University (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

- ?-1534 Mag. THOMAS GOODRICH. Listed by Dade (p.27) as p. of St Stephen's Altar, without dates but before Richard Curwen, who had coll. 28 April 1534, nine days after Goodrich's cons. (Reg. Lee, f.65).

Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, from c.1510, university proctor 1515. DTh by 1529 (Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, II, p.237; *DNB*, xxii, p.135). Keeper of privy seal 1551, chancellor of England 1552–3. Bp of Ely 1534–54 (*ibid.*).

R. of St Peter Cheap, dio. London 1529–34 (*ibid.*).

An exact contemporary at Cambridge of Thomas Cranmer, Goodrich lived just long enough to be deprived of the chancellorship by Queen Mary. He did homage, and was allowed to retain his see until death on 10 May 1554.²⁶

- 1534–43 Mag. RICHARD CURWEN (COREN). P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. 28 April 1534 (Reg. Lee, f.65; Dade, p.27), still 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.131). Vac. probably on death c.Feb.1542, when John Rudd obtained p. (see below).

²⁴ The parity in income between St Peter's and St James's was such as to make an exchange scarcely worthwhile, whereas St Stephen's was worth some £3 less.

²⁵ Carmelian's possession of St Stephen's is omitted by Emden.

²⁶ Goodrich was one of the Cambridge divines consulted in the matter of the legality of Henry VIII's marriage with Catherine of Aragon. In 1537 he assisted in the compilation of the Bishops' Book, and later of the Book of Common Prayer, and revised St John's Gospel in the revision of the New Testament. His memorial brass in Ely Cathedral depicts him in rich mass vestments and mitre, holding in his hand a book from which hangs what appears to be the great seal (H.J. Clayton, *The Ornaments of the Minsters as shown on English Monumental Brasses*, Alcuin Club Collections, xxii, 1919, pp.34–5).

Brother of Hugh Curwen (Lord Chancellor of Ireland 1555–67), and probably linked with Curwens of Workington, Cumberland.²⁷ Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 1520–c.1531, lecturer in logic 1521–3, dean 1527–8. Fellow of King Henry VIII College 1532–43. BTh 1528, DTh 1532 (Emden, *Oxford, 1501–1540*, pp.138–9). Dead by 16 March 1543 (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.14).

P. of Lincoln 1530–43, archd. of Oxford 1535–43 (Le Neve, pp.14, 59, 120, 125). P. of Salisbury 1533–43 (Le Neve, p.31). Archd. of Colchester 1537–43 (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London*, p.14). P. of St Stephen's, Westminster, 1536–43. V. of Buckden, dio. Lincoln, 1530–2. R. of moiety of Ferriby, dio. Lincoln, 1530–3, of Washington, dio. Durham, ?–1534, of Bladon, dio. Lincoln, 1534–? (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

1543–8 Mag. JOHN RUDD. P. of St Stephen's Altar, coll. Feb.1543 (Dade, p.27). Vac. on res.1548, when prebend surrendered to Sir Michael Stanhope 'chief gentleman of the Kynges Majesties Prevy Chamber' (CPR 1548–49, p.38).

Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, 1520–?, BD 1531 (Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*, I, iii, p.496). Chaplain of Henry VIII, clk of closet from c.1544, still 1546 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, xx, pt i, no.418; pt ii, App.2 (2 vi); xxi, pt 2, nos.148B, 200, 45). Chaplain to Edward VI 1547–? (Venn, *Alumni*, loc.cit.). Died 1579, buried in Durham Cathedral (YAJ, i, p.173).

P. of Burton-on-Trent ?1541–45 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, xvi, no.1135(9)).

V. of Dewsbury 1554–70 (YAJ, i, pp.172–3; Venn, *Alumni*, loc.cit.), of Hornsea-cum-Riston 1557–9 (YAJ, i, loc.cit.), of Thornhill 1558–? (*ibid.*), of Romaldkirk 1569²⁸–79 (CPR 1566–69, p.385; YAJ, xiv, p.402n.).

P. of St Stephen's, Westminster, ?–1548 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, xvi, no.1391; Venn *Alumni*, loc.cit.), of Durham 1550–3, 1559–79, of Winchester 1550–3 (*Reg. Tunstall and Pilkington*, SS, 161, pp.95–6; Venn, *Alumni*, loc.cit.; YAJ, i, loc.cit.). Vicar of Norton, dio. Durham, 1539–1553, 1559–? (*ibid.*).

Described as being 56 years old 'or thereabouts' and BD in 1548,²⁹ Rudd prospered in the later years of Henry VIII, but lost his prebends in Beverley, Burton-on-Trent and St Stephen's, Westminster, upon the dissolution of these chapters. Having acquired others in Durham and Winchester when these churches were secularised under Edward VI, he was deprived of both under Mary in consequence of his marriage to one Isabel Wheldon. Following his divorce and expression of penitence he acquired the vicarage of Dewsbury and two other benefices in the diocese of York. Under Elizabeth he regained, in addition, his prebend

²⁷ Hugh Curwen is said to have come from High Knipe, Westmorland (Emden, *Oxford, 1501–1540*, p.137). For the place of the family in the sixteenth-century society of the West March towards Scotland see J.F. Curwen, *The Curwens of Workington*, 1928, and M.E. James, *Change and Continuity in the Tudor North* (Borthwick Papers, 27, 1965).

²⁸ Rudd was not instituted to Romaldkirk until 16 May 1570, following a royal grant some months earlier (YAJ, xiv, p.402n.).

²⁹ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.526. Rudd was clearly not at hand to reveal his 'dyverse other promociions' or his age, and his year of birth may well have been c.1498 as in YAJ, i, p.171.

in Durham and vicarage of Norton. In 1560 he re-married Isabel, and had by her three sons and three daughters, the eldest son being born in the time of their first marriage. For his contribution to sixteenth century cartography see D. Marcombe, 'Saxton's apprenticeship: John Rudd, a Yorkshire cartographer', *YAJ*, 1, pp.171-5.³⁰ See also J. Bickersteth and R.W. Dunning, *Clerks of the Closet in the Royal Household*, 1991, p.14.

³⁰ I am indebted to Dr Marcombe's illuminating article for numerous references which otherwise would have eluded me.

The Prebend of St Katherine's Altar

The *Valor* (1535)¹ assessed the income of St Katherine's prebend as follows:

Corrody	Cash	£ 4 4s. 8d.	
	Corn	£ 3 9s. 4d.	£ 7 14s. 0d.
Tithes and Rents	Beverley Town	£ 1 5s. 4d.	
		£ 2 12s. 4d.	£ 3 17s. 8d.
	Gross value		£ 11 11s. 8d.
	Less fee to receiver of the prebend		£ 13s. 4d.
	VALUE CLEAR		£ 10 18s. 4d.
In addition the prebendary received offerings at the High Altar and the Shrine of St John to a maximum value of £33 6s. 8d. ²			
	MAXIMUM VALUE CLEAR		£ 33 6s. 8d. £ 44 5s. 0d.

¹ *Valor*, v, p.130.

² Not included in the *Valor* or any other formal assessment of the prebend, the precise amount received by the prebendary is a matter for conjecture. From the outset the prebend was based upon the offerings of the faithful, but whether this initially meant the whole or a portion of such receipts is uncertain. In 1307, however, Arbp Greenfield ordained that half the offerings were due to the prebend (*BCA*, i, pp.193-4). This was further regulated in 1378 by Arbp Alexander Neville, who stipulated that, in the event of offerings at the High Altar and the Shrine reaching 100 marks, the prebendary was to receive 50 marks (£33 6s. 8d.) Should receipts fall short of 100 marks he was to receive half the total offered (*Reg. A. Neville*, i, f.66). In 1307 the other half, after certain small deductions, was made available for distribution among the prebendaries in reward for residence (*BCA*, i, loc.cit.).

Prebendaries of St Katherine's Altar

- After 1254-1279 WILLIAM DE CALVERLEY. P. of St Katherine's Altar at time of death,¹ probably between c.22 April² and 1 Aug.1279, when William of Louth had grant of his prebend (*CPR* 1272-81, p.323; *YD*, ix, p.12).
- Household clk of Arbp Gray by 1246, still 1254 (*Reg. Gray*, pp.98, 117, 272n.)
- R. of Beeford 1249-?1279 (*Reg. Gray*, p.106; *Reg. Wickwane*, p.97).
- 1279-90 Mag. WILLIAM OF LOUTH (LUDA). P. of St Katherine's Altar 1 Aug.1279 by royal grant, the see being vacant following death of Arbp Giffard (*CPR* 1272-81, p.323). Vac. on res. by 6 Aug.1290, prior to cons. as bp of Ely 1 Oct.1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.389, 390-1; *CPR* 1281-92, pp.354, 357).

¹ As a witness of episcopal charters in Walter Gray's later years, in company with canons of Beverley, Ripon and Southwell, Calverley is described only as an archbishop's clerk (*Reg. Gray*, pp.117, 272n.) He was almost certainly not a prebendary, therefore, in 1254.

Though his prebend is nowhere named, he was certainly succeeded by Louth, and later by Beaumont, who is listed as prebendary of St Katherine's Altar in the *Taxatio* of 1291 (*Taxatio Ecclesiastica auctoritate P. Nicholai IV*, c.1291, *Rec.Comm.*, 1802, p.302).

² i.e. the date of Arbp Giffard's death, Calverley's successor being appointed in the ensuing vacancy in the see.

King's clk. Cofferer to Thomas Bek, keeper of wardrobe, 1274–8 (*Tout, Chapters*, ii, p.14), keeper of wardrobe 1280–90 (*ibid.*, p.15; vi, p.26). Bp of Ely 1290–8.

C. of York and p. of Ampleforth 1287–90 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.364–5, 385).

Also relinquished on cons. archdeaconry of Durham, prebends in Lincoln, Wells and St Paul's, London, and possibly deanery of St Martin-le-Grand, London (*Emden, Oxford*, ii, p.2191).

- 1290–
1301 CHARLES DE BEAUMONT. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 30 Aug. 1290³ (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.390–1). Vac. on res. by 13 April 1301 when William de Soothill had coll. of p. (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.9).

Kinsman of Lewis de Beaumont, bp of Durham 1317–33, and of Henry de Beaumont, favourite of Edward II, and related to Queen Eleanor through house of Castile.⁴

Though described as c. of York, St Andrew's and Wells (*CPR 1292–1301*, pp.121, 188) he is not recorded as receiving p. in any of these churches. Only other known preferment in England was portion in Ponteland, Northumberland, which he held in 1304 (*Records of Antony Bek*, SS, 162, p.105).

- 1301–25 WILLIAM DE SOOTHILL (SACHILIS). P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 13 April 1301, inducted 23 April (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.9). Vac. on death between 8 and 24 July 1325 (*BCA*, ii, pp.71–2, 73).

Illegitimate son of John de Sachilis of Soothill (*CPL*, ii, p.26). Household clk of Arbp Newark in 1298, of Arbp Corbridge in 1300 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.208; *Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.6). Residentiary of Beverley 1301–25 (*BCA*, i and ii, *passim*).

R. of Sedbergh by 1300, still 1307 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.155n.; *CPL*, ii, p.26), of Mirfield 1303, still 1313 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.94; *Reg. Greenfield*, ii, pp.133n., 146), of Patrington 1304, still 1307⁵ (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.107; *CPL*, ii, p.26), of Hawksworth by 1307 (*ibid.*).

Held all the above preferments in 1307 when he received dispensation on account of illegitimacy (*CPL*, ii, p.26). Appears to have maintained a high standard of residence at Beverley, though warned to reside 1321 (*BCA*, i, p.392). Proctor of the Beverley chapter in the king's court in the matter of the church's right to thraves⁶ April–July 1325 (*ibid.*, ii,

³ At the request of Queen Eleanor *cui in consanguinitatis linea attinere dignosceris* (*BCA*, ii, p.165), the collation of Odo de Conti on 6 Aug. on a papal provision proving ineffective (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.389). Beaumont appears to have retained an interest in St Katherine's, as a portionary, after his resignation of the prebend, until at least the end of 1306 (*BCA*, i, p.177).

⁴ All three were closely related to the viscounts of Beaumont in Maine. Lewis and Henry de Beaumont, and possibly Charles, were grandsons of John de Brienne, Latin emperor of Constantinople 1229–37, and his third wife, Berengaria of Castile, who was Queen Eleanor's aunt.

⁵ For Arbp Corbridge's vigorous action in ousting James de Avisio (Provost Aymo de Carto's cousin) from Patrington in favour of Soothill see *BCA*, ii, pp.190–4, 197. Soothill probably held the benefice for many years, if not until his death, possibly witnessing the building of much of Patrington's exquisite church.

⁶ See above, pp.xvi and n., xxi.

pp.63-4, 67-72); died suddenly in London whilst negotiating (*ibid.*, p.73).

- c.1325-49 Mag. WILLIAM DE ABBERWICK (ALBURWICK⁷). P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 1325 (*BCA*, ii, p.94).⁸ Vac. on death by Aug.1349 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.117; Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.18).

Possibly nephew of Mag. Robert de Abberwick (provost of Beverley 1304-6⁹ and official of Durham till 1302). Fellow of Merton College, Oxford, by 1304, still 1307, chancellor of University 1325, still 1326. DTh (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.). Possibly residentiary of York by 1327 (*BCA*, ii, pp.81, 103-4). Described as king's clk 1341 (*CPR* 1340-43, p.219).

Precentor of York 1321-32, chancellor 1332-49. C. of York and p. of Bilton 1331-41 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.9, 10, 33¹⁰). C. of Ripon and p. of Sharow 1341-9 (*MR*, ii, pp.124, 236-7; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.102). R. of Sigglesthorpe by 1316, still 1317 (*CPR* 1313-17, p.511), of Wheldrake 1339-? (*Reg. Melton*, ii, p.184).

Only known benefice outside York diocese was p. in king's free chapel of Hastings ?-1341 (*CPR* 1340-43, pp.219, 346). Scholar and clk of eminence, enjoying confidence of Arbp Melton: association with Beverley clearly took second place to duties at York and as trusted commissary¹¹ (*BCA*, ii, pp.103-4; *Reg. Melton*, f.572; *Reg. Melton*, i, p.97; ii, pp.44, 132).

- 1349-55 WILLIAM DE MEAUX. P. of St Katherine's Altar from c.Aug.1349 (*CPL*, iii, p.416; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.117).¹² Vac., probably on death, by 23 July 1355 when Nicholas of Louth had coll. of p. (*Reg. Thoresby*, f.7; *YAJ*, xii, p.206).

Clk of Henry, earl of Lancaster, in 1350 (*CPL*, iii, p.350). King's clk in 1351 (*CPR* 1350-54, pp.32, 236).

R. of Waddington, dio. Lincoln, in 1351 (*CPL*, iii, p.416).

In 1350 he received leave of absence either for service with Henry, earl of Lancaster, or for study—almost certainly for the former (*ibid.*, p.350).

⁷ Though frequently referred to as Alburwick there is little doubt that he came from Abberwick near Alnwick.

⁸ Though Abberwick's first appearance in the Act Book is dated 14 Oct.1327 (*BCA*, ii, p.81), it was then made clear that he had succeeded Soothill in the prebend.

⁹ See above, p.8.

¹⁰ The recent revision of Le Neve rejects the assertion of earlier editions (followed by Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.) that Abberwick held the prebend of Botevant in York in 1321 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.37n.).

¹¹ No record of Abberwick's performance as chancellor survives, but it is unlikely that this qualified theologian, with a distinguished record at Oxford behind him, neglected the chancellor's school, which is known to have flourished at York throughout much of the fourteenth century (A.F. Leach, *Early Yorkshire Schools*, i (YAS Record Series, xxvii), pp.17-18, 24; J.H. Moran, *Education and Learning in the City of York 1300-1560* (Borthwick Papers, 55), pp.25-6). His experience at the Beverley convocation of Nov.1330, when he was bluntly reminded that, as 'eighth canon', his attendance was 'by grace of the chapter', and not as of right, can scarcely have encouraged his involvement in the church's affairs (*BCA*, ii, pp.92-4).

¹² Meaux had been granted a papal provision of a prebend as early as 18 Sept.1343 (*CPL*, iii, p.134), and his possession of St Katherine's was not finally established (in the face of a bid from John de Aula) until May 1351 (*CPL*, iii, p.416; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, loc.cit.).

Doubtless his need to choose a confessor with plenary powers of absolution in 1351 (*ibid.*, p.436), and of a portable altar in 1352 (*ibid.*, p.453), is to be seen in the context of the eventful life of his master (M. McKisack, *The Fourteenth Century 1307–1399*, 1959, p.254).

- 1355–83 NICHOLAS OF LOUTH. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 23 July 1355¹³ (Reg. Thoresby, f.7; *YAJ*, xii, p.206). Vac. on death 3 June 1383 (memorial in Cottingham church; *YAJ*, xii, p.206).

King's clk. Cofferer to Queen Isabella ?–1358 (Tout, *Chapters*, v, pp.248–9). Clk of exchequer by 1363; king's treasurer for Ponthieu by April 1363, still 1367 (*CPR 1361–64*, pp.390, 423; 1367–70, p.70). From c.1360 closely associated with Edward the Black Prince, who obtained for him the rectory of Cottingham (*YAJ*, xii, loc.cit.; xl, pp.271–2).

R. of Cottingham 1362–83 (Reg. Thoresby, f.206; *CPR 1361–64*, p.218; *YAJ*, xii, loc.cit.).

P. of St Asaph 1361–5 (Le Neve, *WD*, p.46), of Salisbury 1363¹⁴–83 (Le Neve, p.61), of Arras, Artois, by 1362 (*YAJ*, xl, pp.271–2).

Made a qualified submission to Arbp Alexander Neville at the latter's visitation of the chapter 1381, when his residence was found inadequate (*BCA*, ii, pp.208, 231, 237, 239, 244–5, 248). Seems to have exercised a conciliatory influence, but died long before the dispute resolved. Built or rebuilt the chancel of Cottingham church, where he was buried beneath a now much restored memorial brass.¹⁵

- 1384–
?1387 Mag. JAMES DE STAUNTON. Coll. 30 Jan.1384 to unnamed p., possibly of St Katherine's Altar¹⁶ (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, p.1769). If St Katherine's,

¹³ Leach (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxx) and A.S. Harvey (*YAJ*, xl, p.272, citing *CPR 1364–67*, p.8) give the date of collation as 22 April 1363, but this, despite appearances, was almost certainly a re-grant or a ratification.

¹⁴ Louth gained undisputed possession of the prebend of Horton in Salisbury in 1365, when his rival, William de Langborough, relinquished his claim to it in return for Louth's prebend in St Asaph (Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.61). Louth's retention of it until death is established by his memorial in Cottingham church.

¹⁵ This memorial, the only brass representing a clerk who was first and foremost a canon of Beverley, deserves notice. The effigy is in no sense a portrait, its facial features placing it among an austere family of brasses, emanating from a single craftsman or workshop, of which the best known examples cover the tombs of Bishop John Trilleck in Hereford Cathedral and John de Campeden in St Cross Hospital, Winchester.

The present inscription is not the original, and there is reason to suppose that it differs somewhat from the hexameters it replaced as part of the unfortunate restoration of the brass in 1855. The following was suggested by Charles Jackson (*The Diary of Abraham de la Pryme, the Yorkshire Antiquary*, SS, 54) as a possible rendering of the original:

*Huius erat rector domus hic Nicolaus humatus
Factor et erector, de Luda, quaeso beatus.
Porro vices Christi gestans dedit ecclesiarum
Praebendas isti Beverliaci, quoque Sarum.
Familicos pavit, rixantes pacificavit,
Nudos armavit faenoratam rem geminavit,
Sed quia labe carens sub coelo nullus habetur
Natum, Virgo parens, animae pete propicietur.*

¹⁶ The aftermath of Alexander Neville's visitation of 1381 remained a period of great uncertainty at Beverley, and it is impossible to be entirely happy about this identification. John de Wellingborough had temporarily lost possession of St Mary's prebend, but his replacement is unrecorded (see above, p.64). Moreover, Robert Manfield's possession of St Michael's at this stage, though likely, is nowhere explicit (see above, p.73).

vac. on res. 1387, when John de Burton recd royal grant of p. (*CPR* 1385–89, p.275).

Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, ?–1362, junior proctor of University 1361–2 (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.1768–9).

C. of Southwell and p. of Halloughton by 1371, still 1395. R. of Staunton, Notts., 1384, still 1393 (*ibid.*).

R. of Bassingham, dio. Lincoln, by 1361, of Hathern, same dio., ?–1384 (*ibid.*).

- 1387–94 JOHN DE BURTON. P. of St Katherine's Altar by royal grant 1387¹⁷ (*CPR* 1385–89, pp.275, 405, 448). Vac. on death by 23 July 1394 (Le Neve, *St Paul's*, London, p.37; *ERAS*, v, p.40).

Clk in chancery. Deputy justice in North Wales in 1343 (Tout, *Chapters*, vi, p.60), Keeper of rolls in chancery 1386–94 (*ibid.*, iii, pp.43n.1, 442n., 450).

C. of York and p. of Warthill 1393–?1394 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.87). R. of Huggate in 1371 (Reg. Thoresby, f.163).

P. of Wells 1383–90 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.65), of Bangor by 1389–? (Le Neve, *WD*, p.13), of Lincoln 1390–3 (Le Neve, p.74), of Darlington 1390–? (*North Country Wills*, p.247), of St Paul's, London, 1393–4 (Le Neve, p.37), of king's free chapel, Hastings 1393–?1394 (Le Neve, *Lincoln*, p.74). Warden of Broseley Chapel, dio. Coventry and Lichfield, ?–1383 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.65). R. of Fenstanton, dio. Lincoln, by 1389–?, of Over, dio. Ely, 1389–? (*North Country Wills*, loc.cit.).

- By 1397–
? ROGER WESTON. P. of St Katherine's Altar by 16 Oct.1397, when estate in p. ratified (*CPR* 1396–99, p.203). Vac. on death by 25 Jan.1417 when John Wodham had coll. (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.60; *YAJ*, xxxvi, p.225).

Sacrist of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1388¹⁸–1417 (*ibid.*).

He was possibly the Roger de Weston who received the rectory of Willingham, dio. Ely, by papal provision c.1374 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.500).

- 1417–18 Mag. JOHN WODHAM. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 25 Jan.1417 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.60). Vac. on res. 22 Dec.1418 when he recd coll. of St Andrew's p. (*ibid.*, f.66v.).

See under prebendaries of St Andrew's Altar, above, p.28.

- 1418–19 WILLIAM KYNWOLDMERSSH (senior). P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 27 Dec.1418 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.66v.). Vac. on res. by 26 May 1419 when succeeded by Simon Gaunstede (*ibid.*, f.67v.).

¹⁷ The see being vacant following Arbp Neville's flight.

¹⁸ Weston was not admitted to the sacristy until March 1397, that is, after the translation of Arbp Arundel to Canterbury. The latter's refusal to admit him may have arisen from the fact that the royal grant to Weston was made some months after Arundel's arrival at York, and before the consecration of the previous sacrist, John de Waltham, as bp of Salisbury. The admission of Waltham's successor in the prebend of South Cave in York was similarly delayed (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.42–3). It is just possible that we have here the explanation of the gap in the succession to St Katherine's prebend between Burton's death and Weston's admission. It is difficult to reconcile Arundel's treatment of Weston with the suggestion that the latter was the steward of his household (M. Aston, *Archbishop Arundel*, p.239 and n.).

King's clk. Councillor of Henry V and deputy-treasurer 1417–21¹⁹ (*Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council 1410–22* (Rec. Comm., 1834–7, 16.2), pp.245–6; *Handbook of British Chronology*, 3rd edn., 1986, p.106), treasurer of England 1421–2 (*ibid.*). Dead by 18 Dec.1422 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.74).

Provost of Beverley 1419–22 (*ibid.*, ff.67v., 74; *BCA*, ii, p.lxxxiv; above, p.10). C. of York and p. of Masham 1421–2 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.67).

P. of Lincoln 1416–22 (Le Neve, p.117), of St Paul's, London, 1418–22 (Le Neve, p.67), of Chichester 1418–? (Le Neve, p.45) and of Hereford 1419–? (Le Neve, p.49). Dean of St Martin-le-Grand, London, 1419–22 (*YAJ*, xxv, p.248). R. of Castor, dio. Lincoln, 1416–17, of Keyston, dio. Lincoln, 1417–?, of Chipstead, dio. Winchester 1419–? (*YAJ*, xxv, pp.247–8).

He and Mag. William Kynwoldmerssh (junior) DTh, who died 1469,²⁰ probably originated from Killamarsh, Derbyshire, where others of the same name were active in the fifteenth century (*YD*, ix, p.145).

- 1419–23 SIMON GAUNSTEDE. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 26 May 1419 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.68). Vac. on death by 9 Sept.1423 (*North Country Wills*, p.252; Reg. Bowet, ii, f.76).

Clk in chancery under Richard II (Tout, *Chapters*, iv, p.63), under Henry IV (Reg. Scrope, f.78v.), keeper of rolls in chancery by 1416, still 1423 (Tout, *Chapters*, loc.cit.; *Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.59).

C. of York and p. of Bole 1403–23, archd. of Nottingham 1418–19 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.24, 35). R. of Sutton Bonnington 1400–? (Reg. Scrope, f.78v.). Master of St Mary Magdalene Hospital, Newton Garth, Hedon, in 1423 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.59).

P. of Lincoln 1396–1406 (Le Neve, p.56), of Wells 1415–23 (Le Neve, *B and W*, p.76), of Chichester 1417–?23 (Le Neve, p.40). Archd. of Wiltshire 1419–23 (Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.14).

A beneficiary in the will of William de Waltham, p. of St Martin's Altar (above, pp.52–3) 1416 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, loc.cit.; *North Country Wills*, p.12).

- 1423–4 Mag. THOMAS BRYAN. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 16 Nov.1423 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.76; *MR*, ii, p.230). Vac. 16 March 1424 on exch. with Thomas Haxey for p. of Monkton in Ripon (Reg. *Sede Vacante*, v, f.342; *MR*, ii, loc.cit.).

Household clk of Arbp Bowet by 1414 (Reg. Bowet, ii, f.109). Dead by 25 Nov.1449.

Sacrist of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1422–49 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, pp.232–3, 236). C. of Ripon and p. of Monkton 1424–49 (*MR*, ii, pp.230–1). V. of Penistone 1414–18 (*Fasti Parochiales*, ii, p.26). R. of Kirkby-in-Kendal 1439–49 (*YAJ*, xxv, p.227; *MR*, ii, loc.cit.).

Possibly same as Thomas Bryan, v. of Littlebury, dio. London, 1400–? (*MR*, ii, loc.cit.).

¹⁹ During the absence in France of Henry Fitzhugh.

²⁰ Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.1076–7.

- 1424-5 THOMAS HAXEY. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 16 March 1424 following exch. with Thomas Bryan for p. of Monkton in Ripon (Reg. *Sede Vacante*, f.342). Vac. on death 8 Jan. 1425 (MR, ii, p.230; *York Fabric Rolls*, pp.203-6).

King's clk in privy seal office from c.1382. General attorney of Thomas Mowbray, earl marshal. Keeper of writs and rolls of common bench in 1397 (Tout, *Chapters*, iv, pp.13, 15n., 17, 18n., 19). Master of York mint in 1423 (YAJ, xxxvi, p.171). Residentiary of Southwell by 1406 (MR, ii, loc.cit.), of York c.1408-25 (Dobson, op.cit., JEH, 30, p.174).

C. of York and p. of Barnby 1405-18, treasurer 1418-25 (Le Neve, NP, pp.14, 31). C. of Southwell and p. of Rampton 1395-1418 (MR, ii, p.230 and n.; M. Aston, *Thomas Arundel*, 1967, p.311). C. of Ripon and p. of Monkton 1419-24 (MR, ii, loc.cit.). R. of Laxton, Notts., 1393, still 1405 (Reg. Arundel, f.39v.; Reg. Scrope, f.99). Master of hospital or chapel of Lazenby 1391-1425 (VCH, *Yorkshire*, iii, p.364). C. of Howden and p. of 1st prebend (Howden) ?-1418 (MR, ii, loc.cit.).

P. of Lichfield 1388-1425 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.60), of Salisbury 1391-1419 (Le Neve, p.32), of Lincoln 1395-1425 (Le Neve, pp.66, 103). R. of St Nicholas, Cole Abbey, dio. London 1384-6 (MR, ii, loc.cit.), of Pulham, dio. Norwich, 1384-? (Aston, op.cit., p.205n.), of Toppesfield, dio. London, 1386-7 (MR, ii, loc.cit.), of Crawley, dio. Lincoln, 1387-? (*ibid.*), of Dengie, dio. London, 1387-8 (*ibid.*), of Somersham, dio. Ely, 1388-? (Aston, op.cit., p.311), of Histon St Andrew, dio. Ely, 1390-? (*ibid.*, p.201n.), of Brington, dio. Lincoln, by 1395-1425 (MR, ii, loc.cit.). Warden of free chapel of St Mary Stourbridge, dio. Ely, 1384-? (Aston, op.cit., p.311), of free chapel of St Radegund in St Paul's crypt, dio. London, ?-1391 (Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.32).

For his bill in the Hilary parliament of 1397, complaining of extravagance in the royal household, and his condemnation for treason in consequence see Tout, *Chapters*, iv, pp.17-19; Aston, op.cit., pp.363-5; A. Steel, *Richard II*, 1962, pp.225-8. The array of southern benefices acquired before this episode came to him largely at the hands of Robert Braybrooke, bp of London 1382-1404, under whom he served in the chancery, and of Thomas Arundel, bp of Ely 1374-88, and Thomas Mowbray, earl of Nottingham (who had married Arundel's niece), whom he also served. Arundel's favour continued at York, where HaxeY seems to have retired by way of Southwell. His prebend in York, however, was awarded him by Arbp Scrope, who had been Arundel's official at Ely.

At Ely HaxeY must also have been known to Henry Bowet, another servant of that see, albeit for a short time. It was Bowet, as Scrope's successor at York, who raised HaxeY to the treasurership. After 1408 HaxeY was an active residentiary of York until his death.²¹

- 1425-51 ROBERT ROLLESTON. P. of St Katherine's Altar by royal grant 10 July 1425, see being vac. following death of Arbp Bowet (CPR 1422-29, p.264; BCA, ii, p.lxxxvii). Vac. on death 12 Jan. 1451 (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, p.138; Reg. Kempe, f.71).

²¹ A. Raine, *Mediaeval York*, 1955, pp.8, 49, 53, 82.

Son of William Rolleston and brother of Roger Rolleston, both, in their time, senior governor of Beverley (*BCA*, ii, pp.lxxxvi–lxxxviii). King's clk from c.1405, master of works of palace of Westminster from 1407 (*CPR 1405–08*, pp.310–11), keeper of great wardrobe 1418–c.1444 (*CPR 1416–22*, p.150; 1441–46, p.311; 1446–52, p.4). Councillor of Henry VI from 1437 (*Proceedings and Ordinances of the Privy Council* (Rec. Comm., 1834–7), v, p.73). Executor of Queen Katherine 1437 (*CPR 1436–41*, p.47). Residentiary of Beverley from c.1436 (*ERAS*, vii, p.78).

Provost of Beverley 1427–51 (Reg. Kempe, f.6; Provost's Book, f.113v.; *BCA*, ii, loc.cit.; above, p.10). C. of York and p. of Driffeld 1436–51 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.45). C. of Southwell and p. of Woodborough 1411–26 (*Miscellanea*, ii, pp.298–9). R. of Warton 1421–51 (*YAJ*, xxv, pp.150, 205, 253; xxx, pp.99, 100, 102).

P. of Exeter 1420–2 (Le Neve, p.49), of Salisbury 1422–3 (Le Neve, p.85), of St Paul's, London, 1422–7 (Le Neve, p.57), of Lincoln 1436–51 (Le Neve, p.45). Archd. of Durham 1425–c.1448 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.113). R. of several widely scattered rectories in earlier career (*Miscellanea*, ii, loc.cit.; *Fasti Dunelm.*, p.109).

After a career resembling that of Nicholas Huggate, provost a century earlier, he died requesting burial in the chapel of St Katherine in Beverley Minster, for which he bequeathed a window which still displays his arms in the label stops²² (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, loc.cit.; *ERAS*, v, p.44n.). In 1444 he had founded a chantry at St Katherine's Altar, which he further embellished in his will (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.531n.)

1451–
?1471 ROBERT KIRKHAM. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 14 Jan.1451 (Reg. Kempe, f.72v.; Dade, p.35). Estate ratified 1461 (*CPR 1461–67*, p.60). Vac. possibly on death by 27 April 1471 (Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.16).

Clk in chancery, keeper of rolls of chancery ?–1471, of great seal 1467–? (*CCR 1461–68*, pp.456–7).

P. of Lincoln 1448–57 (Le Neve, pp.60, 121), of St Paul's, London 1449–68 (Le Neve, p.22), of Salisbury 1467–71, precentor 1467–71 (Le Neve, pp.16, 29). Dean of St Stephen's, Westminster, by 1458–1471 (*Fasti Parochiales*, ii, p.27; Emden, *Cambridge*, p.6).

?–1479 Mag. EDMUND CHADERTON. P. of St Katherine's Altar until 24 March 1479 when exch. p. with Adam Copendale for that of Stratton in Salisbury (*MR*, ii, p.219; Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.90).

For fuller notice see under Prebendaries of St Andrew's Altar, above, p.32.

1479–82 Mag. ADAM COPENDALE. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. c.24 March 1479 on exch. with Edmund Chaderton for p. of Stratton in Salisbury (*MR*, ii, p.219; Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.90). Vac. on death by 18 Feb.1482 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.93).

Member of long-established Beverley merchant family.²³ Fellow of King's Hall, Cambridge 1431–9, commoner 1442–53 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.159). LLB by 1445 (*YAJ*, xxx, p.88), DCL by 1449 (Emden,

²² In the south-east bay of the south transept.

²³ Three Copendales (John, William and Adam) were listed as burgesses of Beverley in Nov.1320 (*BCA*, i, p.384). See also *BCA*, ii, pp.316, 318, 319, 320, 327; *YD*, ix, pp.19–20.

Cambridge, loc.cit.). Official of Laurence Booth, archd. of Richmond 1454–7 (*YAJ*, xxx, pp.18, 113).

R. of Kirklington 1439–?1482 (*YAJ*, xxv, p.226; xxx, p.54; H.B. McCall, *Richmondshire Churches*, 1910, p.100).

P. of Salisbury 1466–79 (Le Neve, pp.90, 103).

- 1482–5 Mag. WILLIAM CONSTABLE. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 18 Feb. 1482 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.93). Vac. on death by 28 Sept. 1485²⁴ (*ibid.*, p.96).

Almost certainly a Constable of Flamborough or Constable Burton, Holderness. BCnL of Cambridge 1462 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.155).

Subdean of York 1483–5, archd. of Cleveland 1485 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.17, 21). R. of Hutton Cranswick 1465–9, of Langton 1469–77, of Lockington 1469–81 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.5), of Holme-on-Spalding Moor ?–1485 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

P. of Lincoln 1473–82 (Le Neve, pp.82, 98). R. of Tharfield, dio. Lincoln 1477–85 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

- 1485–8 Mag. GEORGE FITZHUGH. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 28 Sept. 1485 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.96). Vac. on res. by 29 June 1488 (*ibid.*, p.98).

Son of Henry, 5th Lord Fitzhugh of Ravensworth and Alice, sister of Richard Neville, earl of Warwick, and Arbp George Neville. Master of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, 1488–1505 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.231). Chancellor of University of Cambridge in 1502 (*ibid.*). Chaplain of Henry VII by 1500 (*ibid.*).

C. of York and p. of Weighton 1475–1505²⁵ (Le Neve, *NP*, p.89). Master of St Leonard's Hospital, York, 1477–89 (*CPR* 1476–85, p.54; 1485–94, p.269; *Materials for the History of the Reign of Henry VII*, RS, ii, p.423). R. of Bedale 1477–1505 (*YAJ*, xxx, pp.33–4; xxxii, pp.127–8), of Bingham, Notts., 1482–1505 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.153), of Romaldkirk 1488–?1505 (*Materials, Henry VII*, ii, p.323).

Dean of Lincoln 1483–1505 (Le Neve, p.4), also held p. in that church (*ibid.*, pp.59, 64) and another in Salisbury (Le Neve, p.78) at time of death in 1505.

The Fitzhughs, as a leading northern family in the Neville connection, became staunch supporters of Richard III, whose queen, Anne Neville, was George Fitzhugh's cousin. He appears to have shared in the largesse derived by his relatives from this association, receiving prebends in York and Lincoln at the age of fourteen, and the wealthiest hospital in England two years later.²⁶ Though he survived the Tudor accession with his preferments intact it is noticeable that they received little augmentation in his remaining years.

- 1488–
1510 Mag. RICHARD BRINDHOLME. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 29 June 1488 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.98). Vac. on death between 2 and 14 Sept. 1510 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.178 and n.; *Reg. Bainbridge*, f.53v.)

Clk of Arbp Rotherham by c.1483, still 1489 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp.121, 213). Residentiary of Ripon 1497, still 1506 (*Ripon Chapter Acts*, pp.253,

²⁴ Dade has 8 Sept.

²⁵ Not 1506 as in Le Neve, *NP*, loc.cit. Fitzhugh is known to have died in 1505 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.245–6), though his will was not proved until 11 May 1506.

²⁶ His total income can scarcely have been less than £1000.

261, 287, 289, 312; *MR*, iii, p.267). BCnL of Cambridge by 1473, DCnL 1489 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.100).

Sub-treasurer of York 1488–97 (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, loc.cit.). P. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1483–97 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.240). C. of Ripon and p. of Studley Magna 1498–1510 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.105; *MR*, ii, p.191). R. of Roos 1472–86 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.135; *MR*, ii, p.191), of Skirpenbeck 1492–1500 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.72; *Reg. Sede Vacante*, ii, f.502).

R. of Lea, dio. Lincoln, 1472–3, of Little Wilbraham, dio. Ely, 1481–?, of Epworth, dio. Lincoln, 1484–8 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

Brindholme, first beneficed by Rotherham in the Lincoln diocese, was one of the latter's early importations to York after his translation. Together with John Sharparrow, sacrist of Beverley (below, pp.117–18), he was executor of Provost William Poteman in 1493 (*BCA*, ii, p.xciii).

1510–14 Mag. RICHARD NEWPORT. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 4 Sept.1510 (*Reg. Bainbridge*, f.53v.) Vac. on death by 20 Oct.1514 (Dade, p.35; Le Neve, *Salisbury*, p.50).

P. of Salisbury 1490–1514 (Le Neve, pp.50, 68, 97).

1514–
?1516 Mag. ROBERT TONEYS. P. of St Katherine's Altar, coll. 20 Oct.1514 (Dade, p.35). Vac. on res. on transfer to St Mary's p. probably c.Nov.1516, following promotion of Charles Booth to see of Hereford (above, p.67).

For fuller notice see Prebendaries of St Mary's Altar, above, loc. cit.

In 1525/6 ?Mag. JOHN CAPON alias SALCOTT²⁷ OSB. Named in list of East Riding clergy as p. of St Katherine's Altar in 1525/6 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001).

Brother of William Capon (see below). Abbot of St Benet of Hulme, Norfolk, by 1520–c.1530, of Hyde, Winchester c.1530–4. Bp of Bangor 1534–9, of Salisbury 1539–57. BTh of Cambridge 1512 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.503), DTh.

The above solitary reference to John Capon as prebendary of St Katherine's²⁸ may be a slip for William Capon, his elder brother, who held the prebend in 1535, and who was well placed to succeed Robert Toneys in 1516. Certainly much more evidence is required for an unqualified acceptance of a Benedictine abbot as a prebendary, even in the pre-Reformation years.²⁹

²⁷ Salcott in Essex, between Maldon and Colchester, was his birthplace.

²⁸ *Mr Johes Capon, p'bendari Sce Katarine*.

²⁹ For the unlikelihood of a monk holding secular preferment see A.H. Thompson, 'William Hogeson, "Episcopus Dariensis" 1520–1546', in *YAJ*, xxiv, pp.255–7. The revised edition of Le Neve confirms Professor Thompson's belief that only in exceptional and defined circumstances did regulars hold prebends, even in the more permissive pre-Reformation period. Apart from heads of houses who were ex-officio prebendaries instances fall broadly into three categories: 1. Regulars who, having been consecrated to titular sees and serving as suffragan bishops, stood in need of material support. 2. An extremely limited number of Augustinian canons—no more than three of four—who were granted prebends before the dissolution under papal dispensation. 3. A few heads of houses ejected, or about to be ejected, in the dissolution.

John Capon (Salcott), recorded as a prebendary as early as 1525/6, was consecrated on 19 April 1534, following his election to the see of Bangor some ten weeks earlier (Le Neve, *WD*, p.5). Hitherto the Benedictine abbot of a wealthy southern house, and having no known connection in the north, he falls into none of the above groups.

By 1535–1548 Mag. WILLIAM CAPON. P. of St Katherine's Altar in 1535³⁰ (*Valor*, v, p.131). Vac. 1548, on dissolution of the collegiate church (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.527).³¹

Brother of John Capon alias Salcott, bp of Salisbury (see above). Fellow of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, from c.1500. Master of Jesus College 1516–45. BTh 1511, DTh 1517 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.122). Almoner to Cardinal Wolsey by 1527. Vicar-general of John Salcott, bp of Bangor in 1535 (*ibid.*). Died 1550 (*ibid.*).

Not known to have held other preferment in northern province, but elsewhere death left vac. prebends in Wells, Salisbury and Bangor, together with precentorship of St Mary's, Southampton and rectory of Stoneham, dio. Winchester (*ibid.*; Le Neve, *B and W*, p.24; 1541–1857, v, p.29; *Salisbury*, p.93).

Capon owed his early advancement to Wolsey, who made him dean of his college at Ipswich in 1528. After the Cardinal's fall his future was assured by his brother, both at Bangor and Salisbury. His chief claim to remembrance was his foundation of King Edward VI School, Southampton.

³⁰ For the possibility of his earlier succession to the prebend, see John Capon, above.

³¹ He was then recorded as being seventy years of age.

THE OFFICERS

The Dignities or Offices

THE SACRISTY

The *Valor* omits valuation of the Sacristy,¹ but the chantry certificate for Beverley (154) gives its gross value as £25 16s. 4d. Outgoings amounted to £1 6s. 8d.,² leaving clear £24 9s. 8d.³

The sources of the sacrist's income are nowhere itemised, but the above gross valuation is almost entirely explained by the following contributions:

Statutory cash payment from the provostry ⁴	£8 0s. 0d.
Portion of one of the rectors choral ⁵	£6 13s. 4d.
Thraves from Sutton-in-Holderness ⁶	£3 13s. 4d.
Annual pension from Riston in the parish of Hornsea ⁷	£3 6s. 8d.
Annual pension from the parish of Brandesburton ⁸	£3 6s. 8d.

THE CHANCELLORSHIP

The *Valor* (1535) valued the chancellorship at £13 16s. 0d. clear. This represented a cash sum from the provost of £10 6s. 8d., and another of £3 9s. 4d. in lieu of 52 quarters of corn.⁹

The chantry certificate records a gross income of £14 10s. 0d.,¹⁰ outgoings of £1 7s. 7¼d.¹¹ leaving a clear value of £13 2s. 4¼d.

THE PRECENTORSHIP

The *Valor* valued the precentorship at £13 9s. 4d. clear, made up of a cash sum from the provost of £10 0s. 0d., and another of £3 9s. 4d. in lieu of 52 quarters of corn.¹²

The chantry certificate gives the gross income as £13 16s. 8d., outgoings of £1 7s. 11¼d. leaving a clear value of £12 8s. 8¾d.¹³

¹ The omission did not pass unnoticed by the commissioners for Yorkshire: in a letter to Thomas Cromwell they noted that 'the Sacrister or Treasurer is left out' (BCA, i, pp.lvi-lvii).

² This sum probably represented payments of 6s. 8d. each to the two sacrist's clerks and the two vergers (*ibid.*, ii, p.273).

³ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, pp.529-30. The sacrist is here termed 'The Sexton'.

⁴ BCA, ii, p.342.

⁵ *ibid.*, pp.167, 273.

⁶ *Valor*, v, p.110.

⁷ *ibid.*, p.116.

⁸ *ibid.*, p.119.

⁹ *Valor*, v, p.132. 'Higden's List' (1525-6) gives a clear value of 20 marks (YAJ, xxiv, loc.cit.).

¹⁰ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.528.

¹¹ The sum in the certificate is £1 17s. 7¾d., but, if the stated clear value is correct, this is certainly a mistake. The true figure corresponds to the £1 7s. 7¾d. in the *Valor* (loc.cit.).

¹² *Valor*, v, p.132. 'Higden's List' (1525-6) gives a clear value of £12 13s. 4d. (YAJ, xxiv, loc.cit.).

¹³ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.528.

The Sacrists or Treasurers

By 1143, still 1151 Mag. ALFRED (Alured, Alfridus, Alvered). As sacrist witnessed confirmation by Provost Thurstan and chapter of Beverley of grant of alms (thraves) to canons of Bridlington c.1135–43 (EYC, i, no.104; *Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.231), and subsequently three charters in periods 1143–7 (EYC, i, no.105), 1148–51 (EYC, x, no.67) and 1151–3 (BL Stowe MS 502).¹

Undoubtedly the clk referred to in the heading of the treatise *Libertates Ecclesiae Sancti Johannis de Beverlik, cum privilegiis Apostolicis et Episcopalibus, quas Magister Aluredus Sacrista eiusdam Ecclesiae de Anglico in Latinam Transtulit*² in *Sanctuarium Dunelmense et Sanctuarium Beverlacense*, ed. J. Raine (SS, 5), pp.97–108. Alfred was also the author of the work, in nine books, edited by the antiquary Thomas Hearne (1716) under the title, *Aluredi Beverlacensis, Annales sive Historia de gestis Regum Britanniae*.³ By 1143 he had probably been sacrist for some time, and was almost certainly dead by c.1157, about which time Robert features as sacrist.⁴

In c.1157 ROBERT. As sacrist witnessed, with chapter, charter of Watton Priory c.1157 (BL Add. MS 21134). Features as witness of alleged privilege of Arbp Roger de Pont L'Eveque for convent of Durham in period 1154–66 (C.V. Scammell, *Hugh de Puiset* (1956), pp.265–6), and of grant to Ferriby Priory in similar period (EYC, xii, no.23).

In c.1190 Mag. GERVASE. As sacrist witnessed charter of Robert Chambard in favour of Bridlington Priory c.1190 (*Chartulary of Bridlington Priory*, p.257).

In c.1198 Mag. STEPHEN. With four canons witnessed as sacrist grant of lands in Middleton-on-the Wolds to church of Beverley not much earlier than 1198, or later than 1200⁵ (BL Lansdowne MS 407).

In 1220, still c.1225 ARNOLD. As sacrist witnessed confirmation by Watton Priory of rents in Hessle due to church of Beverley 1220 (BL Lansdowne MS 398), and another charter relating to Beverley of similar date (BL Lansdowne MS 199). In period c.1225–7 witnessed charter of Arbp Gray associated with manor of Bishopthorpe (*Reg. Gray*, p.192n.).

[A second ROBERT may have been sacrist c.1240, witnessing with canons Simon, Peter and William a grant to the church of Beverley relating

¹ For the dating of these and other early charters see above, pp.17–18.

² Since, as Leach observes (*BCA*, i, p.xxv), some of these privileges date from as late as the reign of Edward III, the whole can scarcely be attributed to Alfred.

³ A work which makes little pretence of originality, drawing heavily on the almost contemporary *Historia Regum Britanniae* of Geoffrey of Monmouth. It alludes only briefly to Beverley in its later pages.

⁴ Alfred, 'of good remembrance, sacrist of the church', as an old man, was alleged to have taken part in one of the miracles attributed to the intercession of St John of Beverley (*BCA*, i, p.xxi). Hearne cites several summaries of his life (pp.1–li), all brief and somewhat confused, and all demonstrably wide of the mark regarding his earlier life: he lived too early to have been a graduate of Cambridge; nor, as sacrist, can he have been a canon of Beverley. 1136 may be taken as the approximate date of the ending of the *Annales*, but it was certainly not the year of his death, as alleged by one of Hearne's sources.

⁵ These limits represent the earliest conceivable date for canon Roger Marmion (above, p.15), and the latest for Philip Morin (above, p.14), both co-witnesses.

to Holme-on-the-Wolds (BL Lansdowne MS 400).⁶ A Robert, sacrist of Beverley, also witnessed two grants to the church, concerning endowments in Riston and Rotsea, apparently of similar date (BL Lansdowne MSS 412, 413).]

By 1274, still 1290 Mag. THOMAS DE MONKGATE. Sacrist by 13 July 1274 (*Reg. R. Gravesend* (Linc. Rec. Soc., 20), p.59), still 1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.384). Vac. by 12 Feb.1295, by res. or deprivation,⁷ when successor coll. (*ibid.*, ii, p.22; *BCA*, ii, p.174).

Deputy of archd. of Richmond and acting official of York, apptd 9 Feb.1267⁸ (*Reg. Giffard*, pp.178–9). Dead by 12 Oct.1298 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.210).

Succentor of York by 1267–98 (*ibid.*, p.179; *Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.210).

R. of West Rasen, dio. Lincoln, by 1274–1298 (*Reg. Gravesend*, loc.cit.; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.360n.).

1295–1311 ROBERT OF NOTTINGHAM. Coll. sacrist 12 Feb.1295 by Arbp le Romeyn, provostship being then vac. following death of Peter of Chester (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.22; *BCA*, ii, p.174). Vac. on death c.18 March 1311 (*ibid.*, i, p.283).

Clk of Arbp le Romeyn and Arbp Newark 1286–99 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.110n., 359; ii, pp.84, 124, 241, 247, 266). Chancellor of Arbp Corbridge 1300–4 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, pp.153, 268; ii, pp.21, 29, 32, 153) of Arbp Greenfield in 1306 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.163; v, p.54), described as household clk 1307 (*ibid.*, ii, p.32; v, p.150).⁹

R. of Brandesburton by 1293–1311 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.71, 119; *BCA*, i, p.285), of Eaton, Notts., from 1289 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.284).

1311–22 NICHOLAS OF NOTTINGHAM. Adm. sacrist 30 March 1311 on coll. of Provost William de Melton (*BCA*, ii, pp.284–5). Vac. on death

⁶ This charter has all the appearance of belonging to the first half of the thirteenth century, in which case the three canons must have been Simon of Evesham, Peter de Fichelden and William Scott (d.1242), who could have been contemporaries at Beverley at this time. A Simon and William Morin were canons at the time of the earlier Robert (above), however, and Peter de Carcassonne may have entered the chapter earlier than the evidence suggests. The witnesses of the other two charters offer no assistance in dating.

⁷ As sacrist Monkgate appears to have been an almost perpetual absentee, and in consequence to have fallen foul of Arbp le Romeyn. Having failed to attend the latter's visitation of the Minster he was pronounced contumacious 4 Dec.1286, and the chapter was ordered to sequester his corrody in the Bedern (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.360; *BCA*, ii, pp.149–50). Romeyn was still pursuing the matter some four years later, however, but would seem to have been successful, at length, in securing the sacrist's removal (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.384; *BCA*, ii, pp.157–9).

⁸ Monkgate was appointed to both offices on the same day, but to hold the officiality only 'until the return of the archbishop' (loc.cit.). In the event Giffard anticipated his return, for a fortnight later, whilst at Cambridge, he made Mag. H. de Corbridge his permanent official (*Reg. Giffard*, pp.185, 22, 23).

⁹ In view of his continuous service under four archbishops, Nottingham's residence can scarcely have improved upon that of his predecessor. Care was taken to regularise his absence by a dubious, if commonplace, application of the Bull *Quum ex eo* of 1291. Despite the explicit terms of at least three licences to study (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.71; *BCA*, i, p.46; *Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.128) he can be seen to have spent the whole time allowed in diocesan administration. Towards the end of his life he appears to have withdrawn to his church of Brandesburton in which he requested burial (*BCA*, i, p.285).

19 Feb. 1322 (*ibid.*, ii, p.1). Household clk of Arbp Corbridge 1302–4 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, pp.12, 70, 79; ii, pp.129, 153, 154), of Arbp Greenfield in 1306 (*Reg. Greenfield*, ii, p.17; iv, p.200; v, p.53), probably of Arbp Melton in 1319–20 (*Reg. Melton*, i, pp.10, 117). ‘In king’s service’ 1311–13 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.56).¹⁰

R. of Epperstone, Notts., 1301, still 1319 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.218; *Reg. Melton*, i, p.117). Possibly c. and p. of Southwell from c.1318 (*CPL*, ii, p.106).

1322–
before
1331
NICHOLAS DE MALTON OF HUGGATE.¹¹ Sacrist from 24 Feb. 1322 on coll. of Provost Nicholas de Huggate (*BCA*, ii, p.2), adm. 24 June (*ibid.*, p.4). Vac. by 26 June 1331 when Adam de Heselbeck held sacristy (*ibid.*, p.97).

Clk of Nicholas de Huggate, provost of Beverley (*ibid.*, p.2).

By 1331–
before
1346
Mag. ADAM DE HESELBECK OR HAZELBADGE. Sacrist by 26 June 1331 (*BCA*, ii, p.97). Vac. probably on exch. with William Dalton for rectory of South Dalton between Dec. 1339 and Nov. 1346.¹²

Official of archd. of Lincoln by 1320 (*BCA*, i, p.377). Chancellor of Arbp Melton by 1322, still 1332 (*Reg. Melton*, i, pp.22, 109; ii, p.143; Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.883). Mag., Oxford, by 1318 (*ibid.*). Died 1347 (*Reg. Zouch*, f.323v.).

R. of Lythe 1322–8 (*Reg. Melton*, ii, pp.77, 135), of Sturton le Steeple, Notts., 1328–46, of South Dalton ?–1346, of Finningley, Notts., 1346–7. Master of Norton Hospital 1346–7 (Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.). C. of Howden and p. of Skelton by 1333–46 (*Reg. Melton*, i, p.98; Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.).

By 1347–
before
1353
WILLIAM DALTON. Sacrist by 21 April 1347 (*CPL*, iii, p.219) probably following exch. with Adam de Heselbeck for rectory of South Dalton (see n.12 above), still 8 May 1349 (*CPL*, iii, p.356), but vac. probably by 18 Jan. 1353 (*ibid.*, p.476) certainly by 6 Nov. 1354 when successor exch. sacristy (see below).

Son of Sir Robert Dalton, kt, constable of Tower of London (Tout, *Chapters*, iv, p.130n.) Clk of great wardrobe by 1336, cofferer 1338–44, controller 1344–50, keeper 1353–8 (*ibid.*, pp.95n., 106, 110, 114, 119–20, 130, 383, 432–4; vi, 29, 32, 36). Still king’s clk 1361 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i,

¹⁰ Nottingham appears to have left Greenfield’s service after 1306, possibly for that of William de Melton. The latter, as provost, in 1311 refers to him as his clerk (*BCA*, ii, p.284). This may explain the nature of his royal service, Melton being at this time keeper of the privy seal (above, p.70). In the same year, a month after his admission, he was granted by the chapter of Beverley partial leave of absence ostensibly so that he might serve his rectory of Epperstone and the sacristy by turns (*BCA*, i, p.290). His alleged neglect of the sacrist’s duties was the subject of complaint by the vicars in 1312 and 1315 (*ibid.*, pp.292, 337).

¹¹ A native of Huggate, being the son of William de Malton of Huggate, there was an obvious need to distinguish him from his eminent patron. Unknown apart from this appointment, he was possibly one of numerous relatively obscure kinsmen who benefited from the provost’s success.

¹² The probability of this exchange arises from the knowledge that the sacristy passed from Heselbeck to Dalton between Nov. 1333 (*BCA*, ii, p.104) and April 1347 (*CPL*, iii, p.219), and South Dalton from Dalton to Heselbeck between Dec. 1339 (*CPR* 1338–40, p.400) and Nov. 1346 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.883). Heselbeck never held a prebend in Beverley as Emden states he did (*ibid.*; i, p.883).

pp.220, 368). Studied at Oxford 1351–3, but never mag. (Emden, *Oxford*, i, pp.538–9). Died 1371 (*CPL*, iv, p.102).

C. of York and p. of Knaresborough 1363–71 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.60). C. of Ripon and p. of Thorpe 1358–?, of Monkton ?–1371 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.138; *MR*, ii, pp.212, 228–9). R. of South Dalton by 1339 (*CPR* 1338–40, p.400), of Brigham, Cumberland, in 1341; v. of Bulwell, Notts. (*MR*, ii, pp.228–9).¹³

P. of Lincoln 1343–67 (Le Neve, pp.44, 65, 70), of Lichfield 1367 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.63), of royal free chapel of Hastings 1342, still 1353 (*CPR* 1340–43, pp.420, 431; *CPL*, iii, p.476), of royal free chapel of Bridgnorth by 1347–? (*CPL*, iii, p.219; *CPR* 1358–61, p.83), of St Andrew's, Auckland 1349–58 (*MR*, ii, p.212; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.90; *CPL*, iii, p.356), of Wimborne, dio. Salisbury 1367–? (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.63). R. of moiety of Eckington, dio. C and L, 1337–8 (*CPR* 1334–38, p.471), of Houghton-le-Spring, dio. Durham 1345–?1371 (*CPR* 1343–45, pp.457, 561; *CPL*, iii, pp.356, 476; iv, p.62).

?–1354 ROBERT DE SHIRBOURNE. Vacated sacristy c.6 Nov.1354 on exch. with Thomas Oldyngton for rectory of Kirby Wiske (*CPR* 1354–58, p.133), having acquired it sometime after 1349 (*CPL*, iii, p.356).

R. of Normanton-on-Soar ?–1350 (Reg. Zouch, f.204), of Burton Agnes 1350–? (*ibid.*), of Kirby Wiske 1354, still 1371 (*CPR* 1354–58, loc.cit.; *YAJ*, xxv, p.177).

1354–78 THOMAS OLDYNGTON. Exchd rectory of Kirby Wiske with Robert de Shirbourne for sacristy c.Nov.1354 (*CPR* 1354–58, p.133). Vac. on exch. (together with his other Yorkshire preferments) with Hugh de Wymonderswold for p. of Ramsbury in Salisbury (Reg. A. Neville, i, f.7).

C. of York and p. of Warthill 1353–78 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.86). C. and p. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1369–78 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, p.223). R. of Kirby Wiske ?–1354 (*CPR* 1354–58, p.133).

P. of Salisbury 1378–? (Le Neve, p.78), of Tamworth 1369–? (*CPR* 1367–79, p.188). R. of Cottenham, dio. Ely, ?–1369 (*YAJ*, xxxvi, loc.cit.), of Nailstone, dio. Lincoln, 1369–? (*ibid.*).

1378–9 Mag. HUGH DE WYMONDERSWOLD. Sacrist from c.Aug.1378 by exch. with Thomas de Oldyngton for p. of Ramsbury in Salisbury (Reg. A. Neville, i, f.7). Vac. on death by 3 Nov.1379 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.11).

Mag., Oxford; SchCL by 1342 (*CPL*, iii, p.94; Emden, *Oxford*, p.2121). Brother of Mag. Richard de Wymonderswold (advocate at *Curia* and chancellor of Hereford 1343–5) (*ibid.*).

Subtreasurer of York 1350–2, precentor 1352–79, p. of Givendale 1358, of Warthill 1378–9 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.11, 52, 86; *CPL*, iii, p.363;

¹³ As in his notice of Heselbeck, Emden also attributes a prebend in Beverley to Dalton, seemingly on the assumption that one was implied by the office of sacrist (*Oxford*, i, p.538). This was never the case. Dalton was indeed provided to a prebend on 4 July 1361 (*C Pap. Pet.*, i, p.319), possibly to either St Mary's, St Peter's or St Stephen's, which all fell vacant about this time. But though, as a senior king's clk, he might be expected to have brought such provision to fruition there is no evidence that he did so. On the contrary, all three prebends can be shown to be occupied subsequently by others of similar status.

Emden, *Oxford*, loc.cit.). C. and p. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York (YAJ, xxxvi, p.224). R. of Slingsby 1344–7 (CPL, iii, pp.96, 239) of Leek, Staffs. 1347–67 (*ibid.*, p.239; Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.350).

P. of Norton, dio. Durham, by 1347–1379 (CPL, iii, p.239; Lunt, op.cit., p.139), of St Chad's, Shrewsbury, 1350–? (CPL, iii, pp.361–2, 363; Le Neve, NP, p.52), of Lichfield 1353–79 (Le Neve, pp.65–6), of Salisbury ?–1378 (Le Neve, p.78).

- 1379–? ROGER OF RIPON. Occurs as sacrist 26 March 1381¹⁴ (BCA, ii, p.231), having probably succeeded Hugh de Wymonderswold c.Nov.1379, as he had in precentorship of York (Le Neve, NP, p.11), probably still 20 June 1385 (CPR 1381–85, p.591).

Proctor of James Orsini, cardinal deacon of St George in Velabro, in archdeaconry of Durham in 1374 (Lunt, *Accounts Rendered*, p.517). Member of commission of array for liberty of St John, Beverley (CPR 1381–85, loc.cit.).

Precentor of York 1379, archd. of Cleveland 1379–80 (Le Neve, NP, pp.11, 20).

- 1387–? THOMAS POUNDE. Apptd sacrist by Provost Robert Manfield c.1387 (BCA, ii, p.lxxxii). Estate ratified 7 Jan.1388 (CPR 1385–89, p.382).¹⁵

- ?–1444 HENRY GROVE.¹⁶ As sacrist attended visitation of church of Beverley 16 May 1442 (*Miscellanea*, ii, p.273). Vac. on exch. with Thomas Gednay for rectory of Beetham, Westmorland, 12 May 1444 (YAJ, xxx, pp.63, 88).

R. of Beetham 1444–5 (*ibid.*).

- 1444, still 1480 Mag. THOMAS GEDNAY. Sacrist from 12 May 1444 on exch. with Henry Grove for rectory of Beetham (*ibid.*). Still 1480 (BL Add. MS 5773).

R. of moiety in Linton-in-Craven 1437–8 (*Fasti Parochiales*, iv, p.93), of Beetham, dio. York, 1439–41, 1441–4 (YAJ, xxv, pp.227, 229; xxx, pp.63, 68).

- In 1484 Mag. JOHN SHARPARROW. Sacrist by 22 Feb.1484 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.43), still 1493 when named executor of Provost William Poteman (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, pp.82–3).

Adm. BCL Cambridge 1473–4 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.521). Commissary of vicar-general of Arbp Rotherham 1495 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.85).¹⁷

¹⁴ Since Ripon succeeded Wymonderswold in the precentorship of York on the latter's death in 1379, it may be reasonably supposed that he followed him in the sacristy at the same time.

¹⁵ On 25 June 1387 the king granted the sacristy to one Edmund Altoun, in the belief that it was in his gift 'by reason of the late vacancy of the archbishopric' (CPR 1385–89, p.331). Manfield, as lawful patron, appointed Ponde, and appears to have had little difficulty in asserting his rights in the matter (BCA, loc.cit.).

¹⁶ Reference in Poulson (*Beverlac*, ii, p.589) to a Henry 'Grene' as sacrist in 1436 is almost certainly a misreading of 'Grove'.

¹⁷ In Sept.1487 Sharparrow featured in the will of a Hull merchant (*Test. Ebor.*, iii, p.192n.), and a William Sherparowe appears in the rental of the town's lands for 1465 (*Selected Rentals and Accounts of Medieval Hull*, ed. R. Horrox (YAS Record Series cxli), p.119).

R. of Burton Fleming in 1479 (CPL, xiii, p.695).

By 1507, still 1538 Mag. WILLIAM TAIT. Sacrist in 1507 (Reg. *Sede Vacante* 5A, f.539v.), still Sept.1538 (*L and P*, 17 Henry VIII, iv, pt 1, no.2001; *Test. Ebor.*, vi, p.82).

Internal principal of Garret Hostel, Cambridge; junior proctor of University 1496–7. Almoner of Henry, duke of Richmond,¹⁸ by 1525 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.577). Member of Council of North by 1525. Mag., Cambridge 1493, DCL Bologna 1505 (*ibid.*). Died between 9 Sept. and 28 Oct.1540 (*ibid.*).

C. of York and p. of Botevant 1522–40 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.38). R. of Everingham 1508–24 (*YAJ*, xxiv, p.230n.), of moiety in church of Thwing 1509–28 (*ibid.*).

P. of Exeter ?–1532 (Le Neve, p.63), of St George's Chapel, Windsor, 1523–40 (*Fasti Wyndesorienses*, p.74).¹⁹ R. of Chelmsford, dio. London, 1522–40 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

Coat of arms with scroll bearing inscription *arma wilhelmi tait doctoris thesaurarii huius ecclesie* 1520 carved on misericord of sacrist's stall at Beverley.²⁰

In c.1548 ANTHONY BOLNEY. Sacrist at dissolution of collegiate church 1548, when described as being 44 years of age, 'havyng honest qualities and well lerned, and hath other promotions, the value whereof we know not' (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.527²¹).

¹⁸ Henry Fitzroy, natural son of Henry VIII, who was six years of age in 1525, when he was appointed Lieutenant-General north of the Trent and Warden of the Scottish Marches (J.R. Tanner, *Tudor Constitutional Documents, AD 1485–1603*, p.316).

¹⁹ Tait's association with Beverley and Windsor almost certainly provides the background to the early progress of the divine and musician, John Merbecke. A minor entry in the Minster's fabric roll for 1531–2 (BL Add. MS 27324) relates to '4s. given to John Merebek in reward for chants given by him to the church'. That Merbecke, who was probably aged about 21 at the time, came of a Beverley family is made all but certain by the appearance of one Robert 'Marbek' as a substantial tenant of the provostry in the rental of the same fabric roll, notably of the Tabard Inn in the Fishmarket. John Merbecke's presence at Windsor by the end of 1531 is on record, by which time William Tait, sacrist at Beverley throughout John's life, had been also a canon of Windsor for eight years. Nine years later it was John Merbecke who drafted and witnessed Tait's will at Windsor.

²⁰ For a full description see J. Bilson, 'Beverley Minster: some stray notes' in *YAJ*, xxiv, pp.229–30.

²¹ Bolney is here described as 'sexton'. That the sacrist is meant is made clear on p.524.

The Chancellors

In 1178 Mag. ANGOT (ANGOTUS). As *magister scholarum* of Beverley witnessed abbot of Rievaulx's settlement of Ripon chapter's dispute regarding chapel of Nidd 22 Aug.1178 (*MR*, iv, pp.50–1).¹

¹ Considered in the light of his other appearances, as a witness of episcopal charters in places far removed from Beverley, this solitary reference to Angot as *magister scholarum* suggests an officer answering more to the role of chancellor than that of schoolmaster. Not only is his absence from the grammar school feasible and acceptable, but his award of a substantial rectory by Arbp Roger implies independence of schoolmaster's fees. It would seem that, as at other collegiate churches, the *magister scholarum* at Beverley had become in reality a dignitary, charged with general oversight of the school but detached from its actual teaching, whose status by the end of the twelfth century lacked only constitutional recognition and title.

Possibly clk of Arbp Roger de Pont l'Eveque, witnessing several of his charters within period 1164–75 (*EYC*, i, no.123; ii, no.978; xi, no.264).²

R. of Kirk Ella by 1181 (*EYC*, xii, no.9,³ pp.40–1).

By 1234 GILBERT DE DANTESEY.⁴ As chancellor witnessed grant of land by William de Rieiwis to Fulk Basset, provost of Beverley, in period 1222–34 (*Catalogue of Ancient Deeds*, i, p.54).

?–1287 Mag. JOHN DE CROWCOMBE (*CRAUCUMB*). Chancellor till res. c.Oct.1287 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.57).

Clk, possibly kinsman,⁵ of Arbp Giffard by 1270 (*Reg. Giffard*, pp.124, 217). Commissary of archd. of Richmond 1275 (*ibid.*, p.255). Official of Arbp Wickwane 1279–86 (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.208, 260, 317), of Arbp Romeyn 1286–c.1288⁶ (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.18, 21, 22, 24, 75). Vicar-general of Arbp Romeyn 1291–2 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.304–5; ii, pp.13, 39, 105), of Arbp Corbridge 1303 (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, p.88), of Arbp Greenfield 1306 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.175; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.2). DCnL, possibly of Oxford⁷ (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, pp.2165–6). Died c.Sept.1308.

C. of York and p. of Grindale 1279–1308, archd. of ER 1280–1308 (*YMF*, i, pp.42–3; ii, p.38; Le Neve, *NP*, pp.22, 54). R. of Felixkirk 1272–?1290 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.46; *Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.170), of Burton Joyce, Notts., by 1286, still 1295 (*Reg. Sutton, Lincs.* (CYS), i, pp.105–7; *CPR 1292–1301*, p.213), of Weaverthorpe in 1295 (*ibid.*).

R. of Goxhill, dio. Lincs., 1288, still 1295 (*Reg. Sutton*, i, loc.cit.; *CPR 1292–1301*, loc.cit.), of Mappleton, dio. C and L, in 1295 (*ibid.*).

1287–? Mag. ROBERT DE BYTHUM (BYTHAM, BITHAM). Apptd chancellor by Provost Peter of Chester at personal request of Arbp Romeyn made 18 Oct.1287 (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, pp.57–8). Vac., probably on death, between 15 Oct.1318 and 25 July 1320 when successor first appears (*BCA*, i, pp.363, 382).

'Poor clk' promoted by Romeyn (*Reg. Romeyn*, loc.cit.); his household clk by 1286, still 1289 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.92, 374; ii, p.51). Arbp's dean

² If he can be identified as Mag. Ansger of *EYC*, i, nos.282–285 his employment as one of Roger's clerks is beyond doubt.

³ In this notification of the period 1181–c.1210 Angot, having recalled that he had been collated to the church of Kirk Ella by the abbot and convent of Selby at the request of Arbp Roger, declared that, as he could no longer serve the church on account of old age, the patrons had collated his nephew, Warin, vicar. That this Angot is the same as Mag. Angot, *magister scholarum*, and Mag. Angot who witnessed with the provost and canons of Beverley 1177–c.1190 (*EYC*, iii, no.1408) is placed beyond reasonable doubt by reference elsewhere to Warin as 'nephew of Mag. Angot of Beverley' (*Selby Coucher Book*, ii, YAS Record Series, xiii, no.759).

⁴ Dauntsey, Wilts.

⁵ Originating from Crowcombe in the Quantocks, he was 'clearly one of Giffard's importations into the diocese', and 'bore the surname of the second wife of the archbishop's father, the sister and co-heir of Sir Alexander Craucombe, and his relationship with both Giffard and Greenfield may fairly be assumed' (*Reg. Greenfield*, v, p.lvii). The chancellorship was probably among his earlier preferments, possibly dating from Giffard's primacy (1266–79).

⁶ Robert de Pickering appears as official in May 1289 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.209).

⁷ Since Crowcombe saw continuous active service at York under no less than six archbishops his doctorate must almost certainly have been acquired before 1270.

in bailiwicks of Southwell, Lanum, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Otley, Ripon, Beverley and Patrington from 1286 (*ibid.*, p.51), his proctor in all cases brought by and against arbp whilst abroad 1291–2 (*ibid.*, p.171).⁸

By 1320–
c.1322 ROBERT DE LANEHAM (LANUM). As chancellor apptd the schoolmaster 25 July 1320 (*BCA*, i, p.382). Vac. by 20 Feb.1322 when successor apptd (*ibid.*, ii, p.1).⁹

1322–
before 1331 Mag. ALAN DE COTHUM.¹⁰ Apptd chancellor by Provost Nicholas de Huggate 20 Feb.1322 (*BCA*, ii, p.1). Adm. 27 March 1322 (*ibid.*, p.3). Vac., probably on death, between 23 June 1325, his last appearance (*ibid.*, p.69), and 26 June 1331, when successor occurs (*ibid.*, p.97).

Official of provostry and warden of Bedern by 11 Jan.1305, still 1307 (*BCA*, i, p.26; *Reg. Greenfield*, iv, p.239). Official of archd. of ER by 1310 (possibly by 1308¹¹), still 1313 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, pp.172, 189, 212–13). Dean of Christianity of Beverley from 1309, still 1314 (*ibid.*, i, pp.203, 265, 269n.). Clk of Provost Nicholas de Huggate in 1322, his proctor and vicar-general 1325 (*BCA*, ii, pp.3, 62, 69).

R. of Heysham (nr Lancaster) by 1306, still 1314, of Bingham, Notts., in 1313 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, pp.120, 221; iv, p.36).¹²

By 1331–
c.1334 WILLIAM DE FERRIBY. Chancellor of Beverley by 26 June 1331 (*BCA*, ii, p.97). Vac. on res. by 21 April 1334, when successor occurs (*ibid.*, p.111).

Kinsman of Arbp Melton (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.432n.¹³), his household clk by 1319 (*Reg. Melton*, i, pp.22, 117), still 1340 (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, loc.cit.). Executor of Arbbs Melton and Zouch (*ibid.*). King's clk, keeper of wardrobe 1360–1 (Tout, *Chapters*, vi, p.27). Probably residentiary of York from c.1346 (*CPL*, iii, p.190).

⁸ Almost certainly originating from Castle Bytham in south Lincolnshire, where Romeyn lodged on a number of occasions (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.7, 14, 206; ii, pp.163n., 191, 194). Bythum, according to the archbishop, held no other benefice at the time of his appointment to the chancellorship (*ibid.*, pp.57–8), and is not known to have acquired another subsequently. He appears to have taken up continuous residence at Beverley after the death of his patron, being used by Corbridge for local judicial enquiries and trials, and taking an active part in Minster business (*Reg. Corbridge*, i, pp.163–4; ii, pp.60, 76, 81; *BCA*, i, *passim*).

⁹ Definite identification is impossible on the basis of a single reference. Not here described as 'magister', he was probably not Mag. Robert de Laneham, clk of Arbp Romeyn in 1293–4 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.139, 142, 180n., 235; ii, p.18), who was employed as a sequestrator in various parts of the diocese 1295–c.1306, and who features as auditor of the chapter of York in 1309–10 (*ibid.*, i, p.322; ii, p.27; *Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.176; *Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.1; iv, p.208; v, p.191). More likely is it that he was Robert de Laneham, clk of the second form at Beverley in 1305, who was ordained priest in 1306 (*BCA*, i, pp.51, 131). A Sir Robert de Laneham was appointed vicar of Thornton-le-Street in 1337 (*Reg. Melton*, i, p.156).

¹⁰ Probably Cottam, near Driffield (*Reg. Greenfield*, v, p.182n.) See D. Robinson, *Beneficed Clergy in Cleveland and the East Riding 1306–1340* (Borthwick Papers, No.37) pp.35–6.

¹¹ i.e. under John de Crowcombe, who died in 1308 (see above, p.119). Cothum's apparent service under Crowcombe occurs at a time when the latter was also acting as Greenfield's vicar-general (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, pp.123–4), and I can find no clear evidence to support Professor Hamilton Thompson's assertion that he was official at this stage (*ibid.*, p.xvi).

¹² These (or one of them) were probably the benefices Cothum was concerned to retain on his appointment to the chancellorship (*BCA*, ii, pp.3–4).

¹³ See also L.H. Butler, 'Archbishop Melton, his Neighbours, and his Kinsmen', *JEH*, ii, p.66; J.L. Grassi, 'Royal Clerks from the Archdiocese of York in the Fourteenth Century', *Northern History*, v, pp.22, 29.

C. of York and p. of Bilton 1341–50, of Holme 1350–6, of Dunnington 1356–79; archd. of Cleveland 1355–79 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.20, 33, 46, 56). C. of Southwell and p. of Eaton ?–1338 (*Reg. Melton*, ii, p.184). C. of Ripon and p. of Sharow 1339–41 (*MR*, ii, pp.236–7). P. of Osmotherley ?–1354 (*ibid.*). R. of Bootle 1319–? (*Reg. Melton*, i, pp.9–10), of Huggate ?–1338 (*ibid.*, ii, p.184), of Brompton-on-Swale 1338–9 (*ibid.*, pp.184, 189), of Clayworth ?–1339 (*ibid.*, p.190), of Stokesley 1339–50 (*ibid.*; *MR*, ii, loc.cit.), of Kippax ?–1355 (Le Neve, *NP*, p.20).¹⁴ Master of St Mary Magdalene Hospital, Bawtry 1354–61 (*MR*, ii, loc.cit.).

P. of Salisbury 1339, again by 1366, still 1369 (Le Neve, pp.71, 82). Dean of Hereford 1361 (Le Neve, p.4).¹⁵ R. of Watford, dio. Lincoln (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, loc.cit.).

He is not to be confused with his nephew, Mag. William de Ferriby, (as in *MR*, ii, pp.236–7 and *Test. Ebor.*, i, p.103) for whom see Emden, *Oxford*, ii, pp.678–9.

c.1334, HENRY BASSET. Chancellor by 21 April 1334 (*BCA*, ii, p.111), still
still 1335 13 Aug.1335 (*ibid.*, p.113).

R. of Barnby-upon-Don 1315, still 1329 (*Reg. Greenfield*, ii, p.224; *CPR* 1321–24, p.91; *CCR* 1327–30, p.561).

By 1373, ROBERT DE LECONFIELD. Chancellor in 1373 (BL Lansdowne MS 330),
still 1381 still 3 April 1381 when appeared at Arbp Alexander Neville's visitation
of Minster (*BCA*, ii, pp.231, 237).

By 1412– JOHN DRAX (DIRIX). Chancellor by 12 May 1412 (*CPL*, vi, p.247). Vac.
c.1415 by 1415 when successor apptd (*CPR* 1413–16, p.284).

Dean of Christianity of Beverley by 1404 (*Reg. Scrope*, f.68).

R. of Leconfield by 1404, still 1412 (*ibid.*; *CPL*, vi, loc.cit.).

1415, still ROBERT BRYD. Apptd chancellor 1415 (*CPR* 1413–16, p.284), still
1436 29 March 1436 (Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, p.589; see also *BCA*, ii, p.317).

Prebendal vicar in Beverley by 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19). Auditor of chapter in 1418 (BL Lansdowne MS 361).

By 1442– THOMAS SPROATLEY (SPROTLEY). Chancellor by 10 June 1442 (*Miscellanea*,
? ii, p.274), still 1443 (BL Lansdowne MS 366).

Probably same as Thomas Sprotley, chaplain of St Anne's Chantry in Minster in 1419 (*North Country Wills*, ii, p.20). Chapter's receiver and master of works (i.e. fabric) in 1445–6 (*ERAS*, vi, pp.57, 64, 68, 98). Died c.1458 (*Reg. W. Booth*, f.44).

Master of St Nicholas's Hospital, Beverley, 1427–58 (*VCH, Yorkshire*, iii, p.302).

By 1467– Mag. EDMUND MINSKIP. Chancellor by 1467 (York Cath. *Acta Capitularia*
? 1427–1504, f.129). Vac. by 1480 when successor occurs (BL Add. MS 5773).

¹⁴ Dixon (*Fasti Ebor.*, p.432n.) adds North Ferriby, Acaster Malbis and Carlton-in-Lindrick to Ferriby's list of rectories.

¹⁵ If Ferriby ever gained possession of the deanery in 1361, he certainly lost it in the following year (Le Neve, loc.cit.).

LTh Oxford. Dead by May 1492 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.1335).

C. and p. of St Mary and Holy Angels, York, 1468–92 (YAJ, xxxvi, p.239). R. of All Saints, Pavement, York, 1453–66 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, loc.cit.), of Walkington by 1459–87 (*ibid.*; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.174), of Sigglethorne ?–1468 (*Reg. G. Neville*, f.6).

R. of Mottesfont, dio. Winchester, 1450–3¹⁶ (Emden, *Oxford*, iii, loc.cit.).

In 1480 ROBERT QUINTON (QWYNTYNE). Chancellor in 1480 (BL Add. MS 5773). Vac. by 19 Aug. 1481 when successor res. chancellorship (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.132).

c.1480–
1481 Mag. JOHN WOOD. Res. chancellorship on exch. with Mag. Robert Cook for rectory of Beeford 19 Aug. 1481 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.132).

R. of Beeford 1481–5 (*ibid.*, pp.45, 132).

1481–? Mag. ROBERT COOK. Chancellor on exch. with Mag. John Wood for rectory of Beeford 19 Aug. 1481 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.132), adm. 24 Aug. 1481 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.481). Vac. by 31 Aug. 1503 when William Wyght chancellor (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.221).

Possibly principal of Little Black Hall, Oxford, in 1477, still 1480 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, loc.cit.). BTh. Licence to preach throughout dio. York 1488 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.61).

R. of Easington in Holderness ?–c.1471 (*Reg. L. Booth*, f.137), of Beeford 1473–81 (*ibid.*, f.153v.; *Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.132). Possibly master of Knolles Almshouse, Pontefract, 1494–1513 (*ibid.*, p.75; *Reg. Bainbridge*, f.41v.).

By 1503,
still 1529 Mag. WILLIAM WYGH (WIGHT, WRIGHT). Chancellor by 31 Aug. 1503 when executor of Provost Hugh Trotter (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.221; *BCA*, ii, p.xciv). Still Feb. 1526 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001), and almost certainly still 8 March 1529 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 3, no.5364).

R. of Patrington by 1526 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, loc.cit.), of Brandesburton by 1526, still 1529¹⁷ (*ibid.*; *L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 3, loc.cit.).

On the misericord of the most westerly stall backing on to the south side of the choir are carved a shield and scrolls bearing the inscription, *William Wyght tempore cancellarii huius ecclesie*. The stalls date from 1520 (YAJ, xxiv, p.229).

By
1534/5–
1548 Mag. ROBERT SHERWOOD. Chancellor in 1534/5 (*Valor*, v, p.132), still 1548 when college dissolved (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.528).

Described in chantry certificate as doctor of divinity, aged 60, having other promotions unknown (*ibid.*). Died c.1561 (Le Neve, *C and L*, p.62).

P. of Lichfield 1528–c.1561 (*ibid.*).

¹⁶ Ordained acolyte (1448) and deacon (1449) in the Salisbury diocese, and licensed to preach at large in the province of Canterbury in 1452, Minskip appears to have entered the York diocese shortly after the translation of William Booth.

¹⁷ Though not named, he was beyond doubt the rector of Brandesburton whose improved health was the subject of a letter, dated 8 March 1529, from the precentor, Thomas Donyngton (see below, p.126), to Cardinal Wolsey (loc.cit.).

The Precentors

In c.1199 Mag. WILLIAM. Occurs as precentor in company with Mag. Miles, canon of Beverley (above, pp.14–15), c.1199 (*Chartulary of Guisborough*, ii, p.148).

By 1273 Mag. RALPH DE IVINGHOE (YVINGO). As precentor purchased house in Moregate, Beverley, from vicars for 30 marks, subject to annual rental of 2s. to light at High Altar, 25 June 1273 (BL Lansdowne MS 228¹). Vac. by 23 March 1290 when Hambleton precentor (*BCA*, ii, p.158).

Described as 'official', possibly of Richard Gravesend (bp of London 1280–1303), 1286 (*CPL*, i, p.489). Collector of thirtieth on king's behalf 1288–9 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, pp.23n., 27, 28–9). First described as king's clk 1293 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.52). King's justice trying case against ministers of Eleanor, late queen consort, 1294 (*ibid.*, p.114). Died before 9 Nov.1304 (*Reg. Pontissara* 1, CYS xxx, p.180).

C. of York and p. of Holme 1283–94 (*Reg. Wickwane*, p.332; *Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.19; *YMF*, ii, p.40).

P. of St Paul's, London, by 1275, still c.1294; chancellor by 1278, still 1299 (Le Neve, *St Paul's, London, 1066–1300*, pp.26–7, 36). P. of Lincoln ?–1302 (Le Neve, p.89). R. of Ivinghoe, dio. Lincoln, by 1294 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.95).²

By 1290 WILLIAM DE HAMBLETON (HAMILTON³). Precentor by 23 March 1290 when cited by Arbp le Romeyn to answer for non-residence (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.384; *BCA*, ii, pp.157–8), still 28 Feb.1293 when cited for failure to attend arbp's visitation (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.16; *BCA*, ii, p.173). Vac. on res. by 6 Feb.1305 when Gilbert de Grimsby first named as precentor.

King's clk by 1266 (*Reg. Giffard*, p.42). Chancery clk under chancellors Robert Burnell (1274–92) and John Langton (1292–1302); vice-chancellor 1286–9, 1299 (Tout, *Chapters*, ii, pp.12n., 63), chancellor of England 1305–7⁴ (*ibid.*, pp.11–12). Died at Fountains Abbey 19 April 1307 (*CPR 1301–07*, p.518).

¹ Printed in *BCA*, ii, pp.295–6.

² Ivinghoe's patron both at Beverley and London was apparently John Chishull, provost 1265–74 and bp of London 1274–80 (above, p.7). He received his prebend in York on the collation of Arbp Wickwane, a predecessor in the rectory of Ivinghoe (*Reg. Wickwane*, pp.iv–v).

³ Though often referred to as Hamilton, he originated from Hambleton in the parish of Brayton, nr Selby, where he founded a chantry chapel for his family in 1307 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.232). Description of him as a graduate in Le Neve, *NP*, pp.6, 17, 86 and *YMF*, i, p.10, is unsupported in both the Beverley Chapter Act Book and the archbishops' registers, apart from a reference in a papal document (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.13) which is at variance with all others.

⁴ 'His merits were those of a good official. . . Six years before his appointment, Edward (I) declared that there was no one in the realm so expert in the laws and customs of England, or so fit to act as chancellor' (Tout, *Chapters*, ii, p.12).

'In spite of his position in the state, his connection with York was never merely nominal; and it is largely to his influence that we may attribute the remarkable prominence of Yorkshire-born clerks, alike in offices of state and in the chapter of York, which continued throughout the greater part of the fourteenth century' (A.H. Thompson, *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.xv). See also J. L. Grassi, 'Royal clerks from the Archdiocese of York in the Fourteenth Century' in *Northern History*, v, pp.12–33.

C. of York and p. of Warthill 1287–1307, archd. of York 1288–1300, dean 1300⁵–7 (Le Neve, *NP*, pp.6, 17, 86; *YMF*, i, pp.10–11, 37; ii, p.80). R. of Hawnby 1266–? (*Reg. Giffard*, p.42), of moiety in Walker-ingham, Notts., 1275–84 (*ibid.*, p.261; *Reg. Wickwane*, p.288), of moiety in Kirkby-in-Kendal in 1290 (*CPL*, i, p.517).

R. of Stanford-on-Avon, dio. Lincoln, ?–1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.282n.), of Embleton, dio. Durham, of Micheldever, dio. Winchester, of Sawbridgeworth, dio. London, all by 1290 (*CPL*, i, p.517).

?–1306 GILBERT DE GRIMSBY. Precentor by 6 Feb. 1305 (*BCA*, i, p.53). Vac. on death between 19 and 25 Feb. 1306 (*ibid.*, pp.112–13, 148–9).

As vicar, possibly of St Andrew's Altar,⁶ bore the banner of St John of Beverley in the Scottish campaigns of Edward I of 1296 and 1299 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.208; Poulson, *Beverlac*, i, p.83). For the earlier of these services the king instructed John de Warenne, 'keeper of the realm and land of Scotland', to 'provide Gilbert de Grimsby, king's clerk. . . with a church in the realm of Scotland of the value of £20 or 20 marks' (*CPR 1292–1301*, loc.cit.).⁷

1306–25 Mag. RICHARD DE INSULA (LISLE). Precentor, adm. 5 March 1306 (*BCA*, i, pp.113–14). Vac. on death c.23 June 1325 (*ibid.*, ii, p.69).

Son of Sir John de Insula kt (baron of exchequer and king's justice) and nephew of Peter de Insula (sub-dean of York 1311) (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.8; Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, p.381n.). Penitentiary for diocese of Durham from 1311 (*ibid.*). Probably king's clk in 1313 when ordered abroad with Edward II (*ibid.*).⁸

R. of Hotham 1308–19 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.134; *Reg. Melton*, i, p.75), of Bootle, Cumberland, by 1309–18 (*CPL*, iii, pp.50, 179; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.8n.).

P. of St Andrew's, Auckland, dio. Durham, 1293–? (*Records of Antony Bek*, ed. C.M. Fraser, SS, 162, p.36). R. of Stockton-on-Tees, dio. Durham, by 1313 (Dixon, *Fasti Ebor.*, loc.cit.), of Long Newton, dio. Durham, 1319, still 1320 (*Reg. Melton*, i, p.75; *BCA*, i, p.385).

1325–? RICHARD DE GRIMSTON. Precentor, adm. 23 June 1325⁹ (*BCA*, ii, pp.69–70), still 19 Nov. 1333 (*ibid.*, p.103).

⁵ Though elected in 1296, his possession was not finally confirmed until four years later (Le Neve, *NP*, p.6).

⁶ See below, p.129.

⁷ In view of the continued hostilities between England and Scotland the value of such a grant, even if it materialised, must have been doubtful. It may be that the precentorship, at length, represented Grimsby's reward, explaining this exceptional instance of a vicar being raised to a dignity. In any event he was still a vicar in 1300, when he received wages for his second venture to the border (Poulson, *Beverlac*, loc.cit.). He was almost certainly not honoured with the sumptuous tomb now in the north transept of the Minster, as suggested by A.S. Harvey ('A priest's tomb at Beverley Minster', *YAJ*, xxxviii, pp.504–23); see above, p.37 and n. For his modest will see *BCA*, i, pp.148–9.

⁸ Beverley can have seen little of Insula: licences for leave to study covered the years 1306–15 (*Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.8 and n.). By July 1322 he had leased the fruits of the precentorship to Richard de Snowhill (*BCA*, ii, p.11).

⁹ On the presentation of Mag. Alan de Cothum, vicar-general of Provost Nicholas de Huggate, then overseas (loc.cit.). For a summary of Grimston's diocesan activities see D. Robinson, *Beneficed Clergy in Cleveland and the East Riding 1306–1340* (Borthwick Papers, No.37, 1969), p.44.

Clk of Arbp Greenfield by 1311 (*Reg. Greenfield*, iii, p.198); sequestrator for ER by 1314 (*ibid.*, p.220). Clk of Arbp Melton by 1318 (*Reg. Melton*, i, pp.1–2); his receiver general by 1321, still 1328, vac. by 1331 (*ibid.*, pp.21, 35, 36; ii, pp.74, 104, 113).

R. of moiety of Goodmanham¹⁰ 1304, still 1325 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.169; *Reg. Melton*, i, p.130), of Stillingfleet by 1323–1330¹¹ (*ibid.*, ii, pp.85, 141, 142–3), of Settrington by 1328, still 1337 (*ibid.*, pp.127, 182). Master of St Mary's Hospital, Bootham, York by 1318–1330 (*CPR 1317–21*, pp.259–60; *Reg. Melton*, ii, p.141).

By 1381–
1382 Mag. RALPH WALLACE (WALEYS). Precentor by 26 March 1381 when cited to attend Arbp Alexander Neville's visitation of Minster (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Vac. on death 1382 (Dade, p.53).¹²

R. of Catwick ?–1382 (*CPR 1381–85*, p.106). Warden of Bawtry Hospital, Notts., 1382 (*ibid.*).

In 1391 RICHARD THORNTON. Precentor by 28 July 1391 when witnessed as proctor Arbp Arundel's statutes for Minster (*BCA*, ii, p.266; *ERAS*, v, p.41).

R. of moiety of South Otterington 1400–? (*Reg. Scrope*, f.48v.). Possibly chaplain of chantry of St John the Baptist in church of St Helen, Stonegate, York (*Reg. Scrope*, f.44v.).¹³ If so, died c.Feb.1405 (*ibid.*).

In 1419 WILLIAM SANTON. As precentor of Beverley featured as beneficiary in will of Provost Robert Manfield 12 April 1419 (*North Country Wills*, ii, pp.21, 23). Still 29 March 1436 (Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, p.589).

Chaplain of chantry of St Anne in Beverley Minster by 1408 (*ERAS*, v, p.41).

In 1442 Mag. ROBERT HAMBALD. Precentor by 15 June 1442 when present at visitation of Minster (*Miscellanea*, ii, p.274).

Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, before 1435 (Emden, *Oxford*, ii, p.860). BTh (*ibid.*).

R. of Halsham-in-Holderness 1444–? (*ibid.*).

¹⁰ A family benefice. On 15 Dec.1304 Roger de Grimston, the patron, presented Thomas de Grimston to the first and second portions, presumably on his resignation of the third (see *Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.207) which a fortnight later was awarded to Richard (*Reg. Corbridge*, loc.cit.).

¹¹ In 1330 the church of Stillingfleet was appropriated to St Mary's Hospital, Bootham, of which Grimston had been the master from 1318 (when the hospital was created on the basis of Robert de Pickering's chantry of St Mary, Bootham) (*VCH, Yorkshire*, iii, p.345). Grimston, who had almost certainly been rector of Stillingfleet in this earlier year (*CPR 1317–21*, p.259), resigned both church and hospital in 1330, receiving a pension of £26 13s. 4d. yearly for life in compensation for the loss of the former (*Reg. Melton*, ii, pp.142–3). Occasional references to him as 'magister' in Melton's register are at variance with most others, including those of the Act Book, and should certainly not be taken to imply the existence of two Richard de Grimstons in the service of the archbishop.

¹² Wallace responded in person to Neville's summons, and was among the few to take the oath of obedience (*BCA*, ii, p.232).

¹³ It may be no more than a coincidence that one of those commemorated at this chantry had the same name as Thornton's successor in the precentorship.

R. of North Tidworth, dio. Salisbury, 1435–44. V. of North Moreton, dio. Salisbury, 1437–? (*ibid.*).

1480–
c.1500 Mag. WILLIAM COOK. Precentor by 1 March 1480 (BL Add MS 5773). Vac. on death by c.1500 (BL Lansdowne MS 389).¹⁴

St William's chantry in Minster recorded (c.1500) as having been founded by 'Mr William Cok, lait chaunter of the sayd church, deceased, without ordinance makyng, but by will and feoffment' (*ibid.*).¹⁵

By 1520 Mag. THOMAS DONYNGTON. Precentor by 1520 (YAJ, xxiv, p.229), still 1525/6 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001). Vac. probably on death by 19 Nov.1531 (Le Neve, NP, p.53).

Sub-treasurer of York in 1519 (*Test. Ebor.*, v, p.98). C. of York and p. of Givendale 1525–31 (Le Neve, NP, loc.cit.). C. of Southwell and p. of Norwell Palishall 1528–31 (*Memorials of Southwell*, pp.153, 158).

Coat of arms, with scrolls bearing inscription 'Arma magistri thome donynto. p'centoris hui' ecclesie' carved on underside of misericord of tenth choir stall from east on south side in Beverley Minster.¹⁶

By 1535–
1548 Mag. ROBERT WADE (WARDE, WAYD). Precentor in 1535 (*Valor*, v, p.132). Still c.1548 when collegiate church dissolved (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.528).

Fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge, 1503–11 (Emden, *Cambridge*, p.609).

V. of North Cave 1521–31 (*ibid.*; *L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001), of Hutton Cranswick 1525/6 (*ibid.*). Master of Lowthorpe college and hospital by 1531–1536 (*VCH*, iii, p.365; YAJ, xxiv, pp.69n., 75n.).

R. of Yarborough, dio. Lincoln, 1511, still 1526, of Well, dio. Lincoln, in 1526 (Emden, *Cambridge*, loc.cit.).

In chantry certificate described as 'batchelor of dyvynyte, of th' age of lxx yeres, having other promocions and lyvinges the certeynte whereof is fyftene poundes' (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, loc.cit.).

¹⁴ He is to be distinguished from Mag. William Cooke, c. of Ripon and p. of Thorpe 1497–1522 (Emden, *Oxford*, i, p.481). It was almost certainly the latter who was instituted to the rectory of Normanton-on-Soar in 1499 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.170), and who featured in the will of Provost Hugh Trotter (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.220). William Cooke, the precentor, may, however, have been the William Cooke who was rector of Brandesburton, in the provostry, in 1458 (BL Lansdowne MS 428), and possibly the executor of Robert Booth, p. of St Andrew's Altar, who died in 1488 (*Test. Ebor.*, iv, p.32; above, pp.31–2, 41).

¹⁵ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.534.

¹⁶ See J. Bilson, 'Beverley Minster: some stray notes' in YAJ, xxiv, p.229. In a letter to Cardinal Wolsey, dated 8 March 1529, Donyngton reported the improved health of the chancellor of Beverley, and the diminished chances of his rectory of Brandesburton falling vacant in the immediate future (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 3, no.5364).

THE VICARS

The Vicarages

The emoluments of the nine vicarages consisted almost entirely in victuals served daily in the refectory. These constituted a vicar's corrody in the Bedern, valued by Archbishop Arundel in 1391 at £8 os. od.¹—a sum which remained the recognised income of each vicar up to the Dissolution.

Despite appearances to the contrary in the *Valor*² and the chantry certificate³ this sustenance was probably never replaced by a money payment, except in times of special constraint. To the last the vicars were expected to reside in the Bedern, and presumably to share a common board, the bursar receiving payment of £72 from the provost in respect of their corrodies.⁴ Certainly the findings of an inquisition into the entitlement of the Bedern's butler, which was said to be in most respects the same as that of a vicar, imply that in 1427, at least, all received payment in food and drink.⁵

Throughout the middle ages numerous vicars augmented their corrodies with the fruits of a chantry within the parish of Beverley, and all received modest sums from money remaining from corporate income after statutory obligations had been met,⁶ and for attendance at certain obits.⁷

¹ *BCA*, ii, p.273. The wheat payment referred to here met the Bedern's obligation to offer sustenance to the poor (*Valor*, v, p.133; *BCA*, ii, p.274).

² *Valor*, v, p.133.

³ *Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, pp.528–9; see also *YAJ*, xxiv, p.63.

⁴ Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, p.642. In much the same way local authorities today pay a defined portion of students' grants direct to college bursars in respect of board.

⁵ *ERAS*, v, pp.42–3.

⁶ In 1535 this amounted to £12 os. 0½d. (*Valor*, v, loc.cit.).

⁷ *BCA*, ii, p.278.

The Vicars

c.1195–
c.1230

The earliest clerks who can be identified with confidence as vicars are ALEXANDER, ROBERT, WILLIAM and MATTHEW who witnessed grants of land in Middleton-on-the-Wolds to Beverley almost certainly in the last decade of the twelfth century¹ (BL Lansdowne MSS 406, 407, 408). The first three were still vicars, together with THOMAS OSBERTUS and GEOFFREY, in 1220 (BL Lansdowne MS 398), and about this time all five, in company with ADAM LONGUS, HELYAS and INGELRAMUS, witnessed a grant of a rent to the High Altar (BL Lansdowne MS 201).² THOMAS

¹ Their co-witnesses on each occasion were canons Philip, Miles and Emeric (above, pp.14–15), all of whom feature prominently at this time and cannot be shown to have survived into the next century. The same is true of Stephen the sacrist who appears as an additional witness in BL Lansdowne MS 407.

² Though these clks invariably feature as 'chaplains' in the documents cited here, Alexander, Robert and Thomas Osbertus are described as vicars in BL Lansdowne MS 200, as are Robert Russell, John Medicus and Ingelramus in BL Lansdowne MS 194, and Matthew in BL Lansdowne MS 195. Geoffrey, Adam Longus and Helyas, though they are never so described, are unmistakably grouped and identified with their fellows in numerous instances, as in BL Lansdowne MSS 201, 395, 398 and *YD*, ix, p.11.

OSBERTUS and INGELRAMUS were vicars in c.1230 when, joined by ROBERT RUSSELL, JOHN MEDICUS and presumably another MATTHEW, they feature as witnesses of local charters (BL Lansdowne MSS 194, 195).³

c.1255–
1274 HENRY ANDREW, RICHARD DE BURTON, ALAN CEMENTARIUS, OSBERT and WALTER DE RUDSTON, described as vicars, witnessed a charter granting land to the church of Beverley which can scarcely be later than c.1255⁴ (BL Lansdowne MS 409). ALAN CEMENTARIUS was associated with JOHN DE DRIFFIELD and WILLIAM in witnessing a charter to which Simon de Evesham, then archd. of ER, was party, the presumption being that all three were vicars in the period c.1247–c.1257 (BL Lansdowne MS 206; *BCA*, ii, pp.293–4). Only RICHARD DE BURTON remained in 1273, when he and his eight fellow vicars—WILLIAM SPIRITUS, PETER DE WILEBY, ROGER DE LOWTHORPE, WALTER DE SCULCOATES, WILLIAM DE SWINE, PETER POLLARD, REGINALD THALE and JOHN DE FANGFOSS—conveyed a house to Mag. Ralph de Ivinghoe, the precentor (BL Lansdowne MS 228; *BCA*, ii, pp.295–6). PETER DE CATFOSS, who features as a vicar in the year following, must by then have replaced one of these⁵ (BL Lansdowne MS 229).

1285–
1330 ALAN DE HUMBLETON. V. of St James's Altar, apptd 24 Aug.1285 (*BCA*, i, p.27⁶). Vac. on death between 29 Jan. and 7 Feb.1330 (*YD*, ix, pp.13, 15).

Arbp's penitentiary at Beverley, apptd 1298, re-apptd 1301, 1306, 1316⁷ (*Reg. Romeyn*, ii, p.265; *Reg. Corbridge*, ii, pp.8, 176; *Reg. Greenfield*, i, p.9; v, p.280). Master of works c.1300–8⁸ (*BCA*, i, pp.108, 148, 159, 171, 185, 224). Chaplain of chantry of Brotherhood of St Nicholas in Minster from 1316, when described as senior vicar (*ibid.*, p.342).⁹

By 1286–
1301 ROBERT DE LANGTOFT. V. of St Andrew's Altar¹⁰ by 2 July 1286 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.354). Vac. on death by 18 Feb.1303, when John de Risingdon adm. (*BCA*, i, pp.27, 110).

Arbp's penitentiary at Beverley, apptd 2 July 1286 (*Reg. Romeyn*, loc. cit.), re-apptd 23 March 1290 (*ibid.*, ii, p.66). Chaplain of chantry of Brotherhood of St Nicholas, probably till death (*BCA*, i, p.288).

³ Canons Richard de Vescy, William Scott, Simon de Evesham, William de Wisbech and Geoffrey de Bocland, who also witnessed these charters, were members of the Beverley chapter in the middle period of Arbp Gray's primacy (see above, pp.15, 16, 69, 79–80).

⁴ Their co-witness on this occasion was an otherwise unknown canon, Mag. Hamo de Mara (?de la Mare), for whom no place can readily be found at a later date. Moreover, the fact that all save one of these clks had disappeared from the scene by 1273 suggests that an interval of some 20 years had elapsed.

⁵ Richard de Burton, Walter de Sculcoates, Peter Pollard and John de Fangfoss also appear with him in 1274. Burton, Wileby, Lowthorpe, Swine and Pollard feature together as vicars in another charter of this period (*YD*, ix, p.12).

⁶ Where his name is wrongly printed 'Adam'.

⁷ Humbleton was penitentiary continuously, but his appointment was renewable during vacancies in the see, and by incoming archbishops.

⁸ Though he first features in the Act Book as clerk of works in 1306, in 1308 he rendered accounts for the previous eight years, presumably on resigning the office. The post must have carried special trust and responsibility at a time of ambitious building operations.

⁹ For Humbleton's lengthy and interesting will, where he is revealed as a substantial property owner, see *YD*, ix, pp.13–15).

¹⁰ Langtoft's vicarage is not named in the Act Book, but all save St Andrew's are accounted for.

- 1287— ROBERT DE KIRTON. Arbp's v.,¹¹ apptd 8 Sept. 1287 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.366).
 1301 Vac. on death c.July 1301 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.10; *BCA*, ii, pp.180–1).
- By 1290 JOHN DE LOCKINGTON. V. by 30 Sept. 1290 (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.391; *BCA*, ii, p.165), probably of St Katherine's Altar—if so, vac. by 17 Jan. 1292 when successor adm. (*ibid.*, ii, p.55).
- 1291, still ROBERT DE SIGGLESTHORNE. V. of St Mary's Altar, apptd 1291 (*BCA*, i, p.27), still 30 May 1325 (*ibid.*, ii, p.66).
 1325 Master of Beam in Mid-Choir¹² from 1316 (*ibid.*, i, p.342).
- 1292 HUGH DE OTTRINGHAM. V. of St Katherine's Altar, adm. 17 Jan. 1292 (*BCA*, ii, p.55), still 1341 (*BL Lansdowne MS 285*).
 Succentor by 7 April 1305, vac. 5 Nov. 1320 (*BCA*, i, pp.66, 385).
- c.1292— THOMAS DE WEAVERTHORPE. V. of St Stephen's Altar, almost certainly
 1305 from c.1292 (*BCA*, i, pp.47, 54, 66). Receiving letters testimonial on resigning vicarage to become r. of Scarborough in Dec. 1304 was said to have exercised office of priest in church of Beverley for 12 years (*ibid.*, p.47). Granted leave to retain vicarage until Aug. 1305¹³ (*ibid.*, pp.54, 66).
 Receiver or chamberlain of chapter till c.June 1305 (*ibid.*, p.79).
 R. of Scarborough c.1305–? (*ibid.*, pp.47, 54).
- By 1296 GILBERT DE GRIMSBY. V. of unnamed vicarage by Sept. 1296 (*CPR 1292–1301*, p.208), still 16 Jan. 1300¹⁴ (Wardrobe account, quoted in Poulson, *Beverlac*, i, p.83). Vac. by 6 Feb. 1305 when appears as precentor (*BCA*, i, p.53).
 Precentor by 6 Feb. 1305. Vac. on death by 25 Feb. 1306 (*ibid.*, pp.53, 113, 149; above, p.124).
- 1299— WILLIAM NIGHTINGALE. V. of St Michael's Altar, apptd 20 June 1299
 1304 (*YD*, ix, pp.12–13). Vac. on res. 3 Nov. 1304 (*BCA*, i, p.44).

¹¹ Strictly, of St Leonard's Altar (the designation of the archbishop's 'prebend'), but the title was rarely used.

¹² An officer concerned, it would seem, with the oversight of votive candles (*BCA*, ii, pp.183, 296).

¹³ The reason appears to have been that his successor, William de Normanton, had yet to be ordained priest (*BCA*, i, pp.66, 126).

¹⁴ See above, p.124 and n. His second venture lasted only 52 days in all (Poulson, loc.cit.). There is no evidence to show that he accompanied the banner on Edward's Caerlaverock campaign later in 1300, as suggested by A.S. Harvey (loc.cit.). Described as *capellanus Domini Regis illustris* in May 1305, he may have been awarded the precentorship several years earlier, in lieu of the Scottish benefice, which is unlikely to have materialised (*BCA*, i, p.72).

- 1301, still
1314 JOHN DE ROLLESTON. Arbp's v., apptd c.July 1301 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p.10; *BCA*, ii, pp.180–1). Deprived c.Aug.1312 (*ibid.*, i, pp.295–8), reinstated by 31 Aug.1314 (*ibid.*, p.321). Vac. by 28 May 1320 (*ibid.*, pp.380–1).¹⁵

Chaplain of chantry of Brotherhood of St Nicholas from c.Oct.1307,¹⁶ still Nov.1314, but vac. by 17 Sept.1316 (*ibid.*, pp.288, 327, 342). Master of St Mary Magdalene's Hospital, Newton Garth, Hedon, by 27 June 1312, still 1315, but vac. 1316 (*ibid.*, p.296; *CPR 1313–17*, pp.339, 552).

- 1303, still
1330 JOHN DE RISINGDON. V. of St Andrew's Altar, adm. 18 Feb.1303 (*BCA*, i, p.27), still 8 May 1330, but vac., probably on death, by 15 Nov.1335 (*ibid.*, ii, p.115).

Auditor causarum of chapter from 29 Sept.1303, still 8 May 1330 (*ibid.*, i, pp.27, 32; ii, p.91). Chamberlain from 29 June 1305, still 21 May 1325 (*ibid.*, i, p.27; ii, p.65). Proctor of chapter in all legal business from 4 June 1306 (*ibid.*, i, p.141).¹⁷

- By 1303–
1307 BERNARD DE KIRKBY. V. of St Martin's Altar by 1 April 1303, but probably from before July 1301¹⁸ (*BCA*, i, p.18). Vac. on res. by 31 Oct.1307 (*ibid.*, p.211).

Almost certainly the Bernard de Kirkby instituted to v. of coll. ch. of Norton, dio. Durham 1312 (*Reg. of Richard de Kellawe 1311–16*, ed. T.D. Hardy, repr. 1965, pp.171–2, 269). 'King's Almoner' 1312–13 (D. Baldwin, *The Chapel Royal, Ancient and Modern*, 1990, p.376).

¹⁵ Rolleston's uncertain status at Beverley in his later years had a wider background. In 1310 and 1312 he was present with Edward II on the Scottish border, bearing the banner of St John (*BCA*, i, pp.296–7; ii, pp.302–3). On the second occasion he went, it seems, without the goodwill of the chapter and his fellow vicars who, on the strength of Arbp Greenfield's mandate, admitted John de Coupland to his vicarage on 30 Aug.1312 (*ibid.*, i, p.295). This was done despite a letter of royal protection in favour of Rolleston (who had anticipated trouble) and an injunction from the archbishop not to molest him in his vicarage, together with a licence for non-residence, inexplicably issued on the day before his replacement (*ibid.*, pp.296–7). Rolleston certainly considered himself deprived and appealed to the pope (*ibid.*, pp.297–8). Coupland features in the Act Book as a vicar in Dec.1312 and in May 1314 (*ibid.*, pp.302, 315). In Aug.1314, however, Greenfield clearly regarded Rolleston, who was again with Edward in Scotland, as his vicar (*ibid.*, p.321). Whether the banner was present at Bannockburn in June of that year we are not told, but its bearer, though he evidently outlived it, is never recorded as being at Beverley after that fateful day. He probably died in 1316 when successors both in his chantry and his hospital were appointed.

¹⁶ He succeeded Bernard de Kirkby who was granted King Edward's Chantry in this month (*BCA*, i, p.211).

¹⁷ This brief notice summarises the career of the key figure in chapter administration throughout most of the Act Book years. Holding his three offices simultaneously, together with his vicarage, he was described as *auditor*, chamberlain or proctor as occasion demanded. Throughout this time Risingdon was to the Minster what the secretary and registrar are together to the modern diocese. Operating in his limited world, with the affairs of his church at his fingertips, he clearly enjoyed the complete confidence and high regard of his superiors. Astute, tactful and ever vigilant, he comes over to us as a man of even temperament, patient and disciplined, yet a relentless prosecutor of the infringers of the Liberty of St John. Turning the pages of the Act Book, packed with his correspondence and memoranda, one might reasonably conclude that it was he, in conjunction with the official of the provosty, who ran the collegiate church.

¹⁸ In instances in which vicars appear to be listed in order of seniority both Bernard de Kirkby and Thomas de Graingham are placed before John de Rolleston who was appointed in this month (*BCA*, i, pp.52, 92, 96 and 173 where Rolleston features as 'John de Baston').

Chaplain of chantry of Brotherhood of St Nicholas *c.*1306–*c.*Oct.1307 (*ibid.*, p.288), of King Edward's chantry from *c.*Oct.1307, vac. by 30 March 1309¹⁹ (*ibid.*, pp.211, 265).

By 1304, THOMAS DE GRAINGHAM (GRAYINGHAM). V. of St Peter's Altar by 7 May still 1314 1304, but probably from before July 1301²⁰ (*BCA*, i, pp.22, 28). Vac. probably by 25 May 1318,²¹ certainly by 5 Nov.1320 when successor, John de Hornsea, first appears (*ibid.*, p.385).

Guardian of sequestration of provostry from 5 June 1304 (*ibid.*, pp.22, 24, 28, 129), following deprivation of Provost Aymo de Carto.

1305–6 ROBERT DE GRIMSBY. V. of St Michael's Altar, adm. 8 Feb.1305 (*BCA*, i, pp.51–3). Vac. on deprivation *c.*19 April 1306 (*ibid.*, pp.125–6), having failed to be ordained priest within a year of appointment.²²

General proctor of chapter, apptd 20 Sept.1305, vac. by 4 June 1306 (*ibid.*, pp.86–7, 141).

1305 ROBERT DE SWINESHEAD. V. by 30 Oct.1305 (*BCA*, i, p.96). By elimination can be shown to have been Robert de Grimsby's deputy, the latter being deficient in Orders (see above).

1305–10 WILLIAM DE NORMANTON. V. of St Stephen's Altar, adm. 7 April 1305 (*BCA*, i, p.65), re-adm. 19 April 1306 (*ibid.*, p.126).²³ Vac. on death 7 Oct.1310 (*ibid.*, p.267).

1306–*c.*1309 THOMAS DE YARWELL (JAREWELL). V. of St Martin's Altar, adm. 19 April 1306 (*BCA*, i, pp.125–6), still 12 May 1309 (*ibid.*, p.236). Vac. by 14 Oct.1310 when successor had himself resigned (*ibid.*, p.267).²⁴

1307–23 JOHN DE SWINE. V. of St Martin's Altar, adm. 31 Oct.1307 (*BCA*, i, pp.211–12). Vac. on res. 11 June 1323 (*ibid.*, ii, p.37).²⁵

¹⁹ Kirkby succeeded John Russell in the former chantry, Russell having been appointed towards the end of 1305 (*BCA*, i, p.97). The effectiveness of Kirkby's transfer to King Edward's chantry must be doubted, since Thomas de Grimsby (see below) was its chaplain from 1304 until after 27 June 1310 (*ibid.*, pp.21, 265).

²⁰ See n.18 above.

²¹ John de Hornsea, who followed Graingham in this vicarage, quitted his chantry, founded by Robert de Pickering *c.*25 May 1318, presumably to become the latter's vicar (*BCA*, i, p.357).

²² More than negligence lay behind Grimsby's failure to take Holy Orders: following his presentation to the vicarage it was alleged that he was engaged to be married. The couple swore that there was no contract of marriage, or arrangement in fraud of marriage, and Grimsby was duly admitted. A year later, however, rumour had it that they had, in fact, married, and that the bride was to be supported from Grimsby's stipend (*BCA*, i, pp.51–3, 69, 111). This time he was apparently unable to convince the chapter to the contrary, for on 19 April 1306 Thomas de Yarwell was admitted to his vicarage (*ibid.*, pp.125–6).

²³ Normanton had failed to be ordained priest within a year of admission, due, it seems, to a troubled conscience following an affair with a married woman. The matter was leniently dealt with, and, after some difficulty, he was duly ordained at the following Michaelmas (*BCA*, i, pp.130, 152, 154–5).

²⁴ 'The jurors say that master Thomas Jarwell vicar of the church of blessed John of Beverley with two other clerks and many others by force of arms cut the cord with which John, son of Richard de la More who for divers felonies perpetrated by him was adjudged to be hung and took away the same John by force of arms and led him away. Therefore a precept is issued to the sheriff of Yorkshire to attach them' (Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, p.552). It is hard to believe that Yarwell's career as a vicar long survived this episode.

²⁵ His resignation in almost identical words occurs 11 June 1324, possibly implying that his tenure was extended for a further year (*BCA*, ii, p.45).

Clk of Second Form Feb.1305 (*ibid.*, i, p.52). Custodian of manors of Walkington, Burton, Dalton, Lockington, Middleton and Ruston during sequestration of provostry, apptd 12 April 1306 (*ibid.*, i, pp.117–19). Master of works²⁶ by 1310, still 1323 (*ibid.*, i, p.264; ii, p.30).

Possibly same as John de Swine who, on 13 June 1328, exch. St Mary, Castlegate, York, for vicarage of Ganton, which he still held 26 Nov.1342 (*Fasti Parochiales*, iii, p.41).

1310 ALEXANDER DE CAVE. V. of St Michael's Altar, succeeding Thomas de Yarwell sometime after 12 May 1309 (*BCA*, i, p.236). Vac. on res. by 14 Oct.1310 (*ibid.*, p.267).

1310, still 1339 THOMAS DE GRIMSBY. V. of St Stephen's Altar, adm. 12 Oct.1310 (*BCA*, i, p.267), still 5 April 1339 (*ibid.*, ii, p.130).²⁷

Chaplain of King Edward's chantry 1304–10²⁸ (*ibid.*, i, pp.21, 265).

1310–18 RICHARD DE OTTRINGHAM. V. of St Michael's Altar, adm. 14 Oct.1310 (*BCA*, i, pp.267–8). Vac. on res. by 6 July 1318 (*ibid.*, pp.360–1).

P. of St Stephen's Altar 1329–61 (above, p.91).

1312–? JOHN DE COUPLAND (COPELAND). Arbp's v., adm. 30 Aug.1312 (*BCA*, i, p.295). Possibly effective v. in absence of John de Rolleston (above, p.130). Vac. by 28 May 1320 (*BCA*, i, pp.380–1).

1318–24 WILLIAM DE MELTON. V. of St Michael's Altar, adm. 7 July 1318 (*BCA*, i, pp.360–1). Vac. on deprivation 24 Sept.1324 (*ibid.*, ii, pp.52–3).

Possibly kinsman of Arbp Melton, who procured his appointment²⁹ (*ibid.*, i, loc.cit.; ii, p.53).

c.1318, still 1350 JOHN DE HORNSEA. V. of St Peter's Altar,³⁰ probably from c.25 May 1318 when he vacated his chantry (*BCA*, i, pp.357–8), certainly by 5 Nov.1320 (*ibid.*, p.385), still 1350 (BL Lansdowne MS 305).

Chaplain of Robert de Pickering's chantry 1307–18 (*BCA*, i, pp.205, 357). Master of works with John de Swine (see above) by 8 April 1310, alone from 26 June 1323 (*ibid.*, p.264; ii, pp.30–1, 35). Succentor apptd 5 Nov.1320 (*ibid.*, i, p.385).

1320–3 JOHN DE HARPHAM. Arbp's v., adm. 28 May 1320 (*BCA*, i, pp.380–1), still Sept.1322 (*ibid.*, ii, p.17). Vac. by 11 Nov.1323 (*ibid.*, p.41).

²⁶ With John de Hornsea (see below). Though in constant demand as a proctor of absent canons (*BCA*, i, pp.235, 353, 387, 394, 399; ii, pp.74, 97), Swine was pronounced over-talkative by Arbp Greenfield, who also censured him for selling corn in the Bedern and in the public market when he ought to have been about his duties in the choir (*ibid.*, i, p.315).

²⁷ Grimsby resigned 22 Oct.1324, but was re-admitted on changing his mind later the same day (*BCA*, ii, p.54).

²⁸ See Bernard de Kirkby (above, pp.130–1).

²⁹ He proved a disappointment to his patron, being charged with immorality with two, possibly three, women (*BCA*, ii, pp.33, 37, 38, 47). He was deprived on account of his prolonged absence without leave, the chapter having shown great forbearance out of deference to his friends and the archbishop (*ibid.*, pp.50–3).

³⁰ Not St Martin's Altar as stated by Leach (*BCA*, ii, p.54): his patron, Mag. Robert de Pickering, was p. of St Peter's Altar (see above, p.80–1). Furthermore, in 1324 St Martin's vicarage was occupied by William de Swine (see below).

Possibly same as John de Harpham who, as v. of Owthorne in Holderness,³¹ died 1348 (*Test. Ebor.*, i, p.49).

1323, still
1339 JOHN DE BENINGHOLM. Arbp's v., adm. 11 Nov.1323 (*BCA*, ii, p.41), still 5 April 1339 (*ibid.*, pp.130-1).

c.1324-
1335 WILLIAM DE SWINE. V. of St Martin's Altar by 1324 (*BCA*, ii, pp.53-4). Vac. on res. c.March 1335 (*ibid.*, p.116).

1324-
c.1328 THOMAS DE SIGGLESTHORNE. V. of St Michael's Altar, adm. 14 Oct.1324 (*BCA*, ii, pp.53-4), still 1326 (*ibid.*, p.77). Vac. on res., presumably by 2 Nov.1328, by which time he had received letters testimonial (*ibid.*, p.86).

?1328,
still 1338 JOHN DE ROOS (ROSS). V., possibly of St Michael's Altar, and, if so, from c.1328³² following res. of Thomas de Sigglesthorne (above). First appears as v. 15 Nov.1335 (*BCA*, ii, p.115), still 1338 (*ibid.*, p.128).

?1330,
still 1339 THOMAS DE HUGGATE. V., possibly of St James's Altar, and, if so, from c.Feb.1330 following death of Alan de Humbleton (*YD*, ix, p.13). First appears as v. 15 Nov.1335 (*BCA*, ii, p.115), still 5 April 1339 (*ibid.*, p.130).

Bearer of banner of St John of Beverley with Edward III on his invasion of Scotland in June 1335 (*ibid.*, p.112).

1335, still
1338 GREGORY DE POCKLINGTON. V. of St Martin's Altar, adm. 26 March 1335³³ (*BCA*, ii, p.116), still 15 July 1338 (*ibid.*, p.125).

By 1335-
? ROGER JORDAN. V., possibly of St Mary's Altar, by 15 Nov.1335 (*BCA*, ii, p.115). Vac. by 15 July 1338 (*ibid.*, p.125).

By 1335-
c.1380 RICHARD DE KILHAM. V., possibly of St Andrew's Altar, by 15 Nov.1335 (*BCA*, ii, p.115). Vac. on death by 1381 (*ibid.*, p.225).

In 1338 ROBERT DE STELFORTH. V., possibly of St Mary's Altar, by 15 July 1338 (*BCA*, ii, p.125).

In 1350 PETER DE ELYNGTON. V. of unnamed vicarage in 1350 (BL Lansdowne MS 305).

?-1362 ROBERT DE HASTON. V. of St Martin's Altar till 1362 (*Dade*, p.45).

³¹ Once near Withernsea, now swept away by the sea, Owthorne was one of six Holderness parishes appropriated to the abbey of Aumale (*Reg. Romeyn*, i, p.209; *Reg. Greenfield*, v, p.236).

³² Five vicars appear for the first time in a list of the occupants of the seven ancient vicarages dated 15 Nov.1335 (*BCA*, ii, p.115). No reference to four of these appointments is made in the Act Book. Since priesthood was required of all vicars, or at least within a year of admission, reference to ordination lists provides some guide when related to likely vacancies. Nevertheless the assignment of specific vicarages to Roos, Huggate, Jordan and Kilham must be regarded as tentative.

³³ Leach gives the year as 1336.

- 1362, still 1388 RICHARD DE ELLOUGHTON (ELEGHTON). V. of St Martin's Altar, apptd 1362 (Dade, p.45). Deprived 6 April 1381³⁴ (*BCA*, ii, p.239), but reinstated after fall of Arbp Alexander Neville c.1388 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465). Vac. by 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19).
- In 1364 GEOFFREY DE BAROWE. Arbp's v. in July 1364 (*BCA*, ii, pp.325–6).
- In 1372 THOMAS DE GRIMSBY. V. of undisclosed vicarage in 1372 (BL Lansdowne MS 329).
- ?–1373 ROBERT DE LINDWOOD. V. of St Andrew's Altar at death 1373 (*CPR* 1370–74, p.300³⁵).
- In 1373 JOHN DE FROTHINGHAM. V. of undisclosed vicarage in 1373 (BL Lansdowne MS 544).
- By 1373–c.1387 WILLIAM DE ELLOUGHTON. V. of St Katherine's Altar in 1373 (BL Lansdowne MS 544). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*BCA*, ii, pp.239–40). Vac. probably by 8 March 1388 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465).
- By 1373–c.1401 ROBERT DE LOWTHORPE. Arbp's v. by 1373 (BL Lansdowne MS 544; *BCA*, ii, pp.204, 231), still 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19). Vac. on death by 16 May 1401 when successor apptd (Reg. Scrope, f.4v.)
- Only v. to submit to Arbp Neville in 1381, when regarded by latter as *locum tenens* of chapter (*BCA*, ii, pp.204, 237, 239–40).
- By 1375, still 1402 JOHN DE WETON. V. of St Stephen's Altar by 1375 (*Yorkshire Fines* 1347–77, YAS Record Series, 3, p.182; *BCA*, ii, p.231). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*ibid.*, p.239), but re-instated after fall of Arbp Neville c.1388 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465). Still v. 29 Jan.1390 (*CPR* 1389–92, p.185).
- By 1381, still 1402 JOHN DE SPROATLEY. V. of St Peter's Altar by 26 March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*ibid.*, pp.239–40). Reinstated c.1388 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465). Still v. 25 Aug.1402 (*YD*, ix, p.20).
- By 1381, still 1388 WILLIAM DE WAKEFIELD. V. of St Michael's Altar by 26 March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*ibid.*, pp.239–40). Reinstated c.1388 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465).
- By 1381 ROBERT DE BENINGHOLM. V. of St James's Altar by 26 March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*ibid.*, pp.239–40). Vac., probably on

³⁴ The initial circumstances and events in the bitter dispute between Arbp Alexander Neville and the Beverley chapter have been described at length by A.F. Leach (*BCA*, ii, pp.lxxix–lxxxii; and 'A clerical strike at Beverley Minster' in *Archaeologia*, lv, pt 1, pp.1–20).

There is no doubt that the vicars as a body gave their full support to the rebel canons, and that Neville found them in a truculent and defiant mood when he came to Beverley in the spring of 1381. Only Robert de Lowthorpe, the archbishop's own vicar, submitted, after, it would seem, some hesitation. The rest, though in the chapter house on 29 March, refused to appear on the pretext of intimidation by the canons, and pleaded their oath of obedience to the chapter as an excuse. By 5 April, when they were again due to appear, they had left the church unserved, and on the following day it was reported that they had gone to London. They were at once excommunicated, the certificate to this effect being issued two days later, on Palm Sunday.

It was not until the summer of 1388, following the archbishop's flight, that they were able to return and take up their vicarages, and rejoin Robert de Lowthorpe who had retained his vicarage throughout (*BCA*, ii, p.lxxxii; *CPR* 1385–89, loc.cit.).

³⁵ See also *BCA*, ii, p.225, where Neville's interference in the proving of Lindwood's will is listed among the grievances of the chapter in 1381.

death, by 8 March 1388, when not among reinstated vicars (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465).

By 1381 HENRY DE BESWICK. V. of St Andrew's Altar by 26 March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*ibid.*, pp.239–40). Reinstated c.1388 (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465).

By 1381 JOHN DE NAFFERTON. V. of St Mary's Altar by 26 March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.231). Deprived 6 April 1381 (*ibid.*, pp.239–40). Vac. by 8 March 1388 when not among reinstated vicars (*CPR* 1385–89, p.465).

Possibly same as John de Nafferton, priest, v. of St Andrew, Bishopthorpe, from 12 Oct.1403 (Reg. Scrope, f.39).

[Dade (pp.45, 47) lists three clks apptd by Arbp Alexander Neville to replace vicars deprived 6 April 1381. None appears to have survived arbp's disgrace in 1388.

NICHOLAS DE BURTHAM. V. of St Martin's Altar.

JOHN LACY. V. of St Michael's Altar.

ADAM DE WALTHAM. V. of St Mary's Altar. Chantry chaplain
26 March 1381 (*BCA*, ii, p.230).]

By 1391, still 1402 JOHN DE BOYNTON. V., possibly of St Mary's Altar, by 28 July 1391 (*BCA*, ii, p.266), still 25 Aug.1402 (*YD*, ix, pp.19, 20).

By 1397 JOHN TATHWELL. V. of undisclosed vicarage in 1397 (BL Lansdowne MS 343).

By 1397 THOMAS MARTIN. V. of undisclosed vicarage in 1397 (BL Lansdowne MS 343).

By 1400 WILLIAM DE HARPHAM. V. of unnamed vicarage by 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19). Described as 'ex-vicar' 8 Feb.1412 when pardoned for outlawries for debt (*CPR* 1408–13, p.364).

By 1400 WILLIAM DE HUTTON. V. of unnamed vicarage by 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19).

By 1400 JOHN DE BRIDLINGTON. V. of unnamed vicarage by 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19), still 25 Aug.1402 (*ibid.*, p.20).

By 1400 ROBERT GREEN. V. of unnamed vicarage by 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19).

By 1400 ROBERT BRYD. V. of unnamed vicarage by 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19), possibly till appointment as chancellor 1415.

Chancellor of Beverley from 1415, still 1436 (see above, p.121).

By 1400 THOMAS DE SKEFFLING. V. of unnamed vicarage by 28 June 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19).

1401–9 JOHN BRADELEY. Arbp's v., apptd 16 May 1401 (Reg. Scrope, f.4v.) Vac. on death by 14 Jan.1409, when successor apptd (Dade, p.45).

Household clk of Arbp Scrope at time of appointment (Reg. Scrope, loc.cit.).

- 1406-? HENRY TWYNAM. V. of St Peter's Altar, apptd 1406 on presentation of King Henry IV (*CPR 1405-8*, p.170).³⁶
- 1409-? WILLIAM THORP. Arbp's v., apptd 14 Jan.1409 (Dade, p.45).
- By 1419 ROBERT DE BENINGHOLM.³⁷ V. of St James's Altar by 12 April 1419 (*North Country Wills*, p.21).
- ?-1424 JOHN METHAM. Exch. vicarage of St Michael's Altar for rectory of Thorpe-on-the-Hill, dio. Lincoln, 28 Oct.1424 (*Reg. Henry Chichele*, i, CYS, 45, 1943, p.331).
- R. of Thorpe-on-the-Hill, dio. Lincoln, 1424-? (*ibid.*). V. of Swaton, same dio., ?-1429, r. of mediety in Stoke, same dio., 1429-? (*Reg. Richard Fleming*, i, CYS, 73, 1984, p.48).
- 1424-6 JOHN WRIGHT. V. of St Michael's Altar from 28 Oct.1424, following exch. with John Metham for rectory of Thorpe-on-the-Hill (*Reg. Henry Chichele*, i, p.331). Vac. on exch. for vicarage of Bainholme c.20 Dec.1426 (Dade, p.47).
- R. of Thorpe-on-the-Hill, dio. Lincoln, ?-1424 (*Reg. Henry Chichele*, loc.cit.). V. of Bainholme 1426-? (Dade, loc.cit.).
- 1426-? JOHN NEWARK. V. of St Michael's Altar from 20 Dec.1426 following exch. with John Wright for vicarage of Bainholme (Dade, p.47).
- V. of Bainholme ?-1426 (*ibid.*).
- The following vicars appeared in person at a visitation of the Minster on 15 June 1442 (vicarages not named) (*Miscellanea*, ii, p.274):
- 1442 WILLIAM CAWOOD, ROBERT BILTON, JOHN YORK, JOHN DENE, JOHN MATHEW, THOMAS INGRAM, THOMAS KNIGHT, HUGH ALVERTON, ROBERT CAVELL.
- 1458-83 WILLIAM MASON. Arbp's v., apptd 29 Nov.1458 (Dade, p.45). Vac. on death by 21 June 1483 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.33).
- In 1463 ROBERT KYRKE. V. of St Michael's Altar in 1463 (*Test. Ebor.*, ii, p.179).
- ?By 1476 WILLIAM INGRAM. V. of St Martin's Altar. Listed by Dade (p.45) before John Ryse who was apptd 3 Dec.1476 (*ibid.*).
- 1476-? JOHN RYSE. V. of St Martin's Altar, apptd 3 Dec.1476 (Dade, p.45).
- 1483-5 THOMAS SLEGH. Arbp's v., apptd 21 June 1483 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.33). Vac. on death by 23 Dec.1485 (*ibid.*, p.52).
- ?-1484 JOHN PLUMMER. V. of St Katherine's Altar till c.Aug.1484 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.94).

³⁶ The vacancy in the see (following the execution of Arbp Scrope on 8 June 1405) was the reason given for this royal appointment. The true patron, however, was Richard de Connington, prebendary of St Peter's Altar and Scrope's chancellor. His estate in the prebend was apparently compromised by his master's tragedy, for, though pardoned for all treasons on 10 June, he was re-presented by the king on 9 Aug., his estate being ratified on 19 Oct. (*CPR 1405-08*, pp.19, 42, 262). Twynam, possibly a Scotsman from Twynholm, near Kirkcudbright, was therefore probably appointed in a period when the prebend was deemed vacant.

³⁷ Not the same as Robert de Beningholm who held the vicarage in 1381, since he is not included in a complete list of vicars of 1400 (*YD*, ix, p.19).

- 1484-? EDMUND LANGTON. V. of St Katherine's Altar, apptd 7 Aug. 1484 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.94).
- 1485-9 ROGER GARRAD. Arbp's v., apptd 23 Dec. 1485 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.52). Vac. on res. by 2 March 1489 (*ibid.*, p.99).
- 1489-? WILLIAM JACKSON. Arbp's v., apptd 2 March 1489 (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, p.99).
- ?-1497 WILLIAM WHITE. V. of unnamed vicarage till death 1497.³⁸

The following vicars occur in a list of East Riding clergy compiled in Feb. 1526. Their respective vicarages are not given (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no.2001; *YAJ*, xxiv, p.63):

- 1526 THOMAS BARFORD, ROBERT ROPER, ROBERT SH...TON, RICHARD WARCOPE, JOHN CH..., ROGER BU....., ROBERT FLETCHER, WILLIAM TOTILL, ROBERT HALL.

The following vicars feature in the *Valor c. 1535* (v, p.133):

- c.1535 THOMAS BEILON, v. of St Andrew's Altar.
 ROBERT, v. of St Michael's Altar.
 RICHARD WARCOPE, v. of St Andrew's Altar.³⁹ V. in 1526 (see above).
 ROBERT, v. of St Leonard's Altar.
 JOHN, v. of St Stephen's Altar.
 WILLIAM, v. of St Mary's Altar.
 ROBERT, v. of St James's Altar.

The following vicars are listed, without reference to their vicarages, in the Chantry Certificate of c.1546 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.529).

- c.1546 ROBERT FLEE (aged 68). Receiver general and keeper of fabric by 1533 (Poulson, *Beverlac*, ii, pp.613, 624, 635), organist (*ibid.*, p.638). R. of Leven by 1546 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, loc.cit.).
 ROBERT HALL (aged 66). V. in 1526 (see above).
 JOHN THORGOT (aged 40).
 JOHN CLAYTON (aged 43).
 WILLIAM GRIGGES (aged 40). Assistant curate to first vicar of Beverley Minster parish by 1552 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.553).
 WILLIAM QUARTON (aged 36).
 ROBERT COLLYSON (aged 34).
 THOMAS DRYNG (aged 27). Assistant curate to first vicar of Beverley Minster parish by 1549 (*BCA*, ii, p.ci), still 1552 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.553).
 THOMAS MICHEL (MYGHELL) (aged 52). First vicar of Beverley Minster parish by 1549 (*BCA*, ii, p.ci), still 1552 (*Yorkshire Chantry Surveys*, ii, p.553).⁴⁰

³⁸ The floor slab of his tomb in the south choir aisle, now covered by the organ, is inscribed *hic iacet dñs Willms white quond' vicari' in Choro huius ecclie qui obiitr anno dñi mill'imo ccccxcvii°* (J. Bilson 'Beverley Minster: Some Stray Notes', *YAJ*, xxiv, pp.231-2).

³⁹ This, or the earlier entry for St Andrew's Altar, must be a mistake for either St Martin's, St Peter's or St Katherine's, which are otherwise omitted.

⁴⁰ All save Robert Flee ('well lerned') are described as 'of honest qualities and indifferently lerned' (loc.cit.).

Vicars of the Chapel of St Mary the Virgin annexed to St Martin's Altar¹

1269	ROGER DE RISE ²
1287	JOHN DE BRIDLINGTON
1302	ROGER DE WOODMANSEY ³
1319	NICHOLAS DE SIGGLESTHORNE
1349	GEORGE DE POCKLINGTON
1349	ROBERT DE ASTON
1362	PETER DE EASINGTON
1373	THOMAS DE LOWTHORPE
1382 ⁴	WILLIAM DE SCARBOROUGH
1414	PETER IRFORD (alias BEVERLEY) ⁵
1426	WILLIAM URFORTH
1438	WILLIAM LOWE
1453	JOHN INGLEBY ⁶
1461	ROBERT KIRK
1499	WILLIAM BARRET ⁷
1521	NICHOLAS ROKEBY
1524	THOMAS BARNEBY ⁸
1528	THOMAS RUSSEL
1535	WILLIAM ROWLANDSON

¹ From at least 1269 until the dissolution of the collegiate body the prebendaries of St Martin's Altar provided a vicar to serve the Chapel of St Mary, Beverley, in addition to their vicar in the Minster. Despite certain noted corrections this list remains substantially that compiled by Archdeacon Edmund Hope, vicar of St Mary's 1921-1933. Though possibly requiring further amendment, it is printed here to distinguish the occupants of the vicarage from their strictly prebendal counterparts.

² Appointed first vicar on the ordination of the vicarage 23 Dec. 1269 (*BCA*, i, pp. 194-6).

³ Hope has 'Wodham' (apptd 1302). Woodmansey was instituted 31 Jan. 1303 (*Reg. Corbridge*, ii, p. 78).

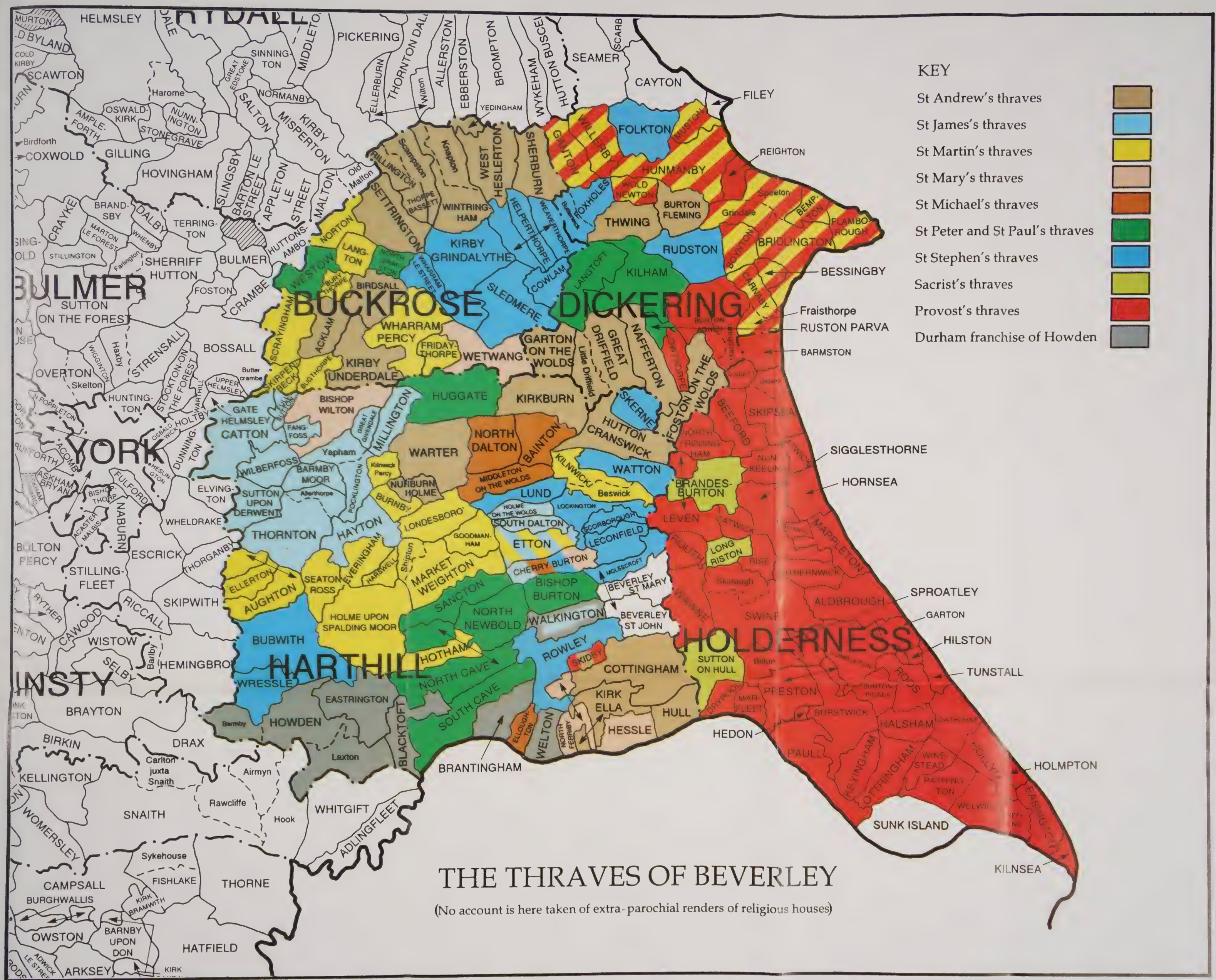
⁴ Hope has 1389. Scarborough, however, was certainly vicar by 11 Sept. 1382 (*ERAS*, v, p. 39).

⁵ See Emden, *Cambridge*, p. 328.

⁶ See Emden, *Cambridge*, p. 327, where Ingleby is shown as being admitted on 2 Feb. 1454.

⁷ Barret was instituted to the vicarage, vacant by the death of Robert Kirk, 27 March 1499. 'Robert Rux', shown by Hope as being appointed in 1477, is thus eliminated (*Reg. Rotherham*, i, pp. 144, 145).

⁸ Barneby is followed by James Burley (also 1524) in Hope's list, but the former was still vicar in Feb. 1526 (*L and P, Henry VIII*, iv, pt 1, no. 2001).



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